

C H A P.
XVII.Penalty on
Ordinary-
Keepers, &c.
harbouring
the Work-
men, &c.
without
Leave.

f 1712, ch. 10.

IV. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Ordinary-Keeper, Victualler, or Public-House-Keeper, shall, without Licence first had and obtained in Writing, from the Owner or Owners, or principal Manager of any Iron-Work, harbour or entertain any Person who shall be hired or employed in any Manner about any Iron-Work, or give them Credit for any Liquor, or other Accommodations, exceeding the Value of Five Shillings Current Money, in any One Year; every Ordinary-Keeper, Victualler, or Public-House-Keeper, so offending, shall be liable and subject to the same Losses, Pains and Penalties, as are provided against entertaining, harbouring, and trusting Sailors, by an Act, entitled, 'An Act restraining Victuallers, and Keepers of Public Houses from entertaining Sailors, to the prejudice of Trade and Commerce.

Persons so en-
tertained may
give Evi-
dence.

V. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person so entertained, and being a legal Witness, shall be admitted and received as a Witness, in any Suit or Controversy concerning any Offence against this Act, or concerning any Claim or Demand of any Ordinary-Keeper, for Expences.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed 8th
August 1732.

An Act for the erecting a Town in Queen-Anne's County, on Chester River, opposite to Chester-Town, in Kent County, on the Land possessed by John Dempster. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 52.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) Commissioners impowered to purchase by Agreement, or (in case of the Owner's Refusal, &c.) by Valuation of a Jury, 30 Acres of Land out of the said Tract, lying most convenient to the Water, and to cause the same to be surveyed and laid out for a Town, and divided into 30 Lots, allowing sufficient Space for Streets, &c. and the Lots to be Numbered from 1, to 30, for better distinguishing one from another. (2.) The Owner of the Land to have the first Choice for one Lot, after which the remaining Lots to be taken up by others. None to take up more than one Lot during the first 4 Months, and the Lots to be taken up by Inhabitants of the County; but if not all taken up by such Inhabitants within Six Months after laying out, then any Persons whatsoever may take up such Lots, paying the Owners proportionably for the same. And such proportionable Payment shall give the said Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate of Fee-simple in the said Lots, they complying with the Requisites in this Act mentioned. (3.) The Surveyor to return a Plat of the Town to the Clerk of Queen-Anne's County, to be by him kept among the County Records. (4.) The Takers-up of Lots to build on such Lot or Lots, an House to cover 400 square Feet, within 18 Months; and in case of Refusal or Neglect thereof, then may any other Person whatsoever, enter upon such Lot or Lots not built upon, paying the Sum first set and assessed upon such Lot, to the Commissioners, or Person by them appointed to receive the same, for the public Use and Benefit of the Town. And such second Taker-up building and finishing, within 18 Months after such his Entry made, such House as is in this Act before limited, shall have as good an Estate, to him, his Heirs and Assigns, as is by this Act before settled on the first Taker-up and Builder. (5.) All Lots not taken up within Seven Years from the Publication of this Act, shall revert to the Owner of the Land. (6.) The Town to be called Kings-Town. (7.) The Commissioners to employ a sufficient Clerk, upon Oath, to make true and impartial Entries of their Proceedings; which Entries, made up in a well bound Book, they shall cause to be lodged with the Clerk of Queen-Anne's County Court, for the Inspection of any Person. (8.) A Saving of Rights to the Crown, the Lord Proprietary, &c. (9.) Possessors of Lots to pay One Penny Current Money per Annum to the Lord Proprietary, and his Heirs for ever.

C H A P. XIX.

Ditto.

An Act to prohibit raising of Swine in Upper-Marlborough-Town, in Prince George's County. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 53.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) No Inhabitant of the said Town, shall, on any Pretence whatsoever, keep within the said Town any Swine, belonging to themselves, or any other Person, unless within their own Inclosures. (2.) Persons convict before any Magistrate of transgressing herein, shall pay 100^{lb} Tobacco for each Transgression, to be levied by Execution on the Body, Goods, &c. of the Offender, as in case of small Debts; to be applied to the Use of the Free-School of the County.

C H A P. XX.

Ditto.

An Act reviving and continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, 'An Act for the better Relief of poor Debtors. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 54. EXP.

* 1722, ch. 13; hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

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