

C H A P. XXIII.

Passed 8th
August 1732.

* 1715, ch. 36.

An ACT repealing Part of an Act, entitled, * An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and on several Sorts of Liquors imported; and also on *Irish* Servants, to prevent the Importing too great a Number of *Irish* Papists into this Province. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 56.*

Such Part of the Act of 1715, ch. 36, (viz. §. 7,) whereby any Imposition is laid on *Irish* Servants being Protestants, is repealed.

BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That such Part of the said recited Act, or any other Act of Assembly of this Province, wherein, or whereby, any Duty or Imposition is laid on any *Irish* Servants being Protestants, upon, or by reason of their Importation into this Province, shall be, and by virtue of this Act, is abrogated and repealed.

No Duty to be paid on Importation of Protestants.

II. And that no Duty or Imposition hereafter, shall or ought to be paid, for or upon the Importation of any Protestant or Protestants from the Kingdom of *Ireland*, or elsewhere, into this Province.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
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An Act for erecting a Town at the Bridge near the Head of Great-Choptank River, in Dorchester and Queen-Anne's Counties. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 57.*

N. B. By this Act, (1.) Commissioners were impowered to purchase, &c. 20 Acres of Land in each County aforesaid, at *Choptank* Bridge, lying most convenient to the River, and cause the same to be surveyed and laid out into 40 equal Lots, allowing sufficient Space for Streets, &c. with Posts towards every Street, &c. and the Lots for better Distinction, to be Numbered from One to Forty. (2.) The Owner of the Land on each Side, to have his first Choice of one Lot, after which the remaining Lots to be taken up by others: No Person to purchase more than one Lot during the first Four Months, and the Lots to be purchased by the Inhabitants of the respective Counties: But if the Lots be not taken up by such Inhabitants within Six Months, then any other Persons to have Liberty to take up the same, paying the Owner proportionably. And such proportionable Payment shall give the Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate in 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 each County, to be by them kept among the Records of the said Counties. (4.) In case the Takers-up of Lots neglect to build thereon within 18 Months, an House to cover 400 Square Feet, then may any Person whatsoever enter upon such Lots so not built upon, paying the Sum first set and assessed upon such Lots to the Commissioners, or Person by them appointed to receive the same, for the Public Use and Benefit of the Town: And a House (such as in this Act is before limited and appointed to be built by the first Taker-up) built within 18 Months after such his Entry made, shall give and settle as good an Estate to such second Taker-up and Builder, his Heirs and Assigns, as is by this Act settled upon the first Taker-up and Builder. (5.) Lots not taken up within 7 Years after Publication of this Act, shall revert to the Owner of the Land. (6.) The Town to be called *Bridge-Town*. (7.) The Commissioners to employ a sufficient Clerk, who (upon Oath) shall make true 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 Proprietor, all Bodies Politic and Corporate, and all Persons not mentioned in this Act. (9.) Possessors of Lots to pay One Penny Current Money of *Maryland*, per Annum, to his Lordship and his Heirs for each Lot, for ever.

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Ditto. An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 58. EXP.*

To be in Force 'til the 29th September 1733.

C H A P. XXVI.

Ditto. An Act to explain Part of an Act, entitled, ^b An Act for the Advancement of Justice. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 60.*

^b 1723, ch. 12, which expired in 1740.

C H A P. XXVII.

Ditto. An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 61. EXP.*

To be in Force 3 Years, &c. Continued 1736, ch. 1; 1742, ch. 2; and 1746, ch. 6; and expired in 1750.