

C H A P. II.

Passed 12th
April 1733.

^b 1732, ch. 21.

A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, "An Act for laying out a new Fifteen Acres of Land, Part of the One Hundred Acres of Land formerly erected into a Town, commonly called Benedict-Leonard-Town, upon Patuxent River, in Charles County, besides the Lots which have been already taken up, pursuant to the Directions of former Laws: And to restrain the Inhabitants from keeping any Stock, except within their Inclosure, in the said Town." Lib. B.L.C. fol. 69.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) The Owner of the Land was obliged to make his first Choice of one Lot, within Ten Days after Notice given him by the Commissioners, &c. (2.) The Tobacco set upon the Lots might be paid by the several Takers-up, to the Owner of the Land, either at his Dwelling House, or in the Hands of the Sheriff of Charles County. (3.) No Persons, Living within the said Town, shall keep therein, or within the Inclosures of Mr. Charles Somerset Smith, any Hogs, Geese, Horses, Cows, or other Cattle, belonging to themselves or others, unless within their own Inclosures: And Persons convicted thereof before a single Magistrate, on Confession or Proof, shall pay 100^{lb} Tobacco for each Transgression; to be levied on the Body, Goods, &c. of the Offender, by way of Execution as in case of small Debts; to be applied to the Use of the County Free School.

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An Act for erecting a Town at and about the Landing, called The Elk-Ridge Landing, near the Head of Patapsco River, in Ann-Arundel County. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 70.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) Commissioners were appointed and impowered to purchase, &c. 30 Acres of Land at or about the Place aforesaid, lying most convenient to the Water, and to cause the same to be surveyed and laid out, &c. into 40 Lots for a Town; allowing sufficient Space for Streets, &c. and the Lots, for better Distinction, to be Numbered from One to Forty. (2.) The Owner of the Land to have his first Choice of one Lot, provided such Choice be made in Ten Days; after which the remaining Lots to be taken up by others: None to take up more than one Lot during 4 Months after laying out, and the Lots to be taken up by Inhabitants of the said County: But in case the Lots shou'd not be taken up by such Inhabitants in Six Months, then any other Persons whatsoever may take up Lots, paying the Owner proportionably for the same: And such proportionable Payment shall give the Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate of Fee-simple in such Lots, they complying with the Requisites in this Act mentioned. (3.) The Surveyor to return a Plat of the Town to the County Clerk, to be by him kept among the County Records. (4.) In case the Taker-up of any Lot do not Build within 18 Months, an House to cover 400 Square Feet, then may any other Person enter upon such Lot, so as aforesaid not built on, 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: Provided such Taker-up build and finish within 18 Months after such his Entry made, such House as is in this Act before limited and appointed to be built by the first Taker-up; which House so built, shall give and settle as good an Estate to such second Taker-up and Builder, his Heirs, &c. as is by this Act settled upon the first Taker-up and Builder. (5.) In case any Lots be not taken up during Seven Years from the Publication of this Act, such Lots shall then revert to the Owner of the Land. (6.) The Town to be called *Jansen-Town*. (7.) The Commissioners to employ a sufficient Clerk, who shall, upon Oath, 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 Ann-Arundel County Court, for the Inspection of any Person. (8.) Possessors of Lots in the said Town, to pay One Penny Current Money of Maryland, per Annum, for each Lot, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and his Heirs for ever. (9.) A saving of Rights to the Crown, the Lord Proprietary, all Bodies Politic and Corporate, and all Persons not mentioned in this Act.

C H A P. IV.

Ditto. *An Act for the Relief of Anthony Parker, Patrick Reyly, and Cleborn Lomax, languishing Prisoners in Charles County Goal. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 73. PR.*

C H A P. V.

Ditto. *An Act for the Relief of Prisoners for Debt. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 76. EXP.*
To be in Force for One Year. Continued by 1735, ch. 15, for 6 Months; and by 1736, ch. 3, for 3 Years, &c. Expired in 1740.

C H A P. VI.

Ditto. *An Act for Emitting and making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 83.*

N. B. By this Act, Bills of Credit were to be Struck to the Value of £. 90,000 American Currency, (according to the English Stat. of 6 ANNE, For ascertaining the Rates of foreign Coins in the Plantations) to circulate 31 Years from the 29th September 1733. And the Counterfeiters of such Bills, their Aiders and Abettors, and Persons Passing the same, Knowing them to be counterfeit, to suffer Death without Benefit of Clergy.

These Bills of Credit to be Current in all future Contracts, and a Tender thereof, in Discharge of any Money Debt, to be good in Law. All Fees and Levies (the Clergy's Dues, and Tobacco for Building and Repairing Churches excepted); All Bounties, Rewards and Allowances, and all Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties, given in Tobacco, by any Laws of this Province, were made payable in Bills of Credit (at the Election of the Person from whom due) at 10s.