

1756.

5 and 6 *FREDERICK* Lord *BALTIMORE*.

C H A P. VI.

if no such Discontinuance had happened; such Discontinuance, or any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary thereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

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

C H A P. VII.

Passed 22<sup>d</sup> May 1756: 1748, ch. 6.

*A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, 'An Act empowering the Justices of Worcester County to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of All-Hallows Parish, a Sum of Tobacco; and for other Purposes therein mentioned. Lib. H.S. fol. 257. OBS.*

The Sum of 80000<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco granted by the Original Act not being sufficient to finish the Church already begun at *Snow-Hill*, the Justices were by this Act empowered to levy 45000<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish for that Purpose, by Five equal and annual Assessments, viz. 9000<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco exclusive of the Sheriff's Salary) every Year from 1756 to 1760, both inclusive, payable in Current Money at 12 s. 6 d. per Hundred, &c.

C H A P. VIII.

Passed 22<sup>d</sup> May 1756.

*An Act empowering the Justices of Somerset County to levy, not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, upon the Taxable Inhabitants of the said County, for the Use therein mentioned. Lib. H.S. fol. 258. REP.*

<sup>s</sup> Viz. For making a Causeway thro' *Vienna Marsh*: A new Law was made the subsequent Session this present Year, ch. 20, whereby this Act is repealed.

C H A P. IX.

Ditto.

An ACT for Quieting the Differences that have arisen, and may hereafter arise, between the Inhabitants of this Province and the several *Indian Nations*, and for punishing Trespasses committed on their Lands. *Lib. H.S. fol. 260.*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the several Laws of this Province do not sufficiently provide for Quieting the Differences that have arisen, and may hereafter arise, between the Inhabitants of this Province, and the several *Indians* now in Amity with them, or Punishing Trespasses committed on their Lands: For Remedy whereof,

County Courts empowered to determine in a summary Way all personal Controversies between Inhabitants and *Indians*, where the Value exceeds 20 Shillings Sterling.

II. **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 the Justices of the several County Courts, in this Province, be, and are hereby authorized and empowered to hear and determine, in a summary Manner, upon Petition exhibited to them, all Manner of Controversies and Differences, Claims and Demands, of what Nature or Kind soever, which have happened, and not yet determined, or may hereafter happen or arise between the said Inhabitants, and *Indians*, in private and personal Controversies, and award Judgment thereon, so always as the same exceed the Value of Twenty Shillings Sterling, and the Person or Persons against whom such Complaint be made, be summoned to answer the same, or shall voluntarily appear thereto; and the said Justices shall and may issue Execution or Executions on such their Judgment, with Costs of Suit, as in other Cases.

And all Disputes concerning the Rents of the *Indians* Lands.

III. **And whereas** divers Persons, notwithstanding the Laws of this Province to the contrary, have Rented of the said *Indians* divers Parcels of their said Lands, and settled thereon, and yet; notwithstanding, refuse to pay them the Rents agreed to be paid: And whereas it is highly just and reasonable that those Persons, who have held and occupied the said Lands, under Agreement to pay Rent for the same, should pay the Rents so agreed for, according to their Contracts; **Be it Enacted**, by and with the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Justices of the several County Courts aforesaid, shall and may, and are hereby authorized and empowered, to hear and determine all such Complaints, and give Judgment thereon to the said *Indians*, for the Rents agreed to be paid, with Costs, in a summary Manner, as before by this Act is directed, and shall and may award Execution thereon; any Law or Custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

IV. **And**