

C H A P.
XXIV.Orphans of
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to appoint;
to take into
their Hands
their Real Ef-
tates, &c.

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 it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the several County Courts, and they are hereby authorized and required on Application to them made, to permit such Orphans, if above the Age of Fourteen Years, to choose his or her Guardian, and if under the Age of Fourteen, then the said Justices to appoint a Guardian, and immediately Order the said Orphan's Real Estate, into the Hands of such Guardian, in the same Manner as they might or could have done, had the Balance of said Estate been transmitted from the Commissary's Office: And such Guardian so as aforesaid Chosen or Appointed by this Act, shall have the same Powers, and be subject to the same Duties and Regulations, as Guardians otherwise chosen or appointed, are, by the Laws of this Province now in Force, and when the Balance of the Personal Estate is transmitted (which is hereby declared to be his Duty to see done, as soon as the particular Circumstances of the Deceased's Estate will admit) shall receive the same as if then Chosen or Appointed; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.*

C H A P. XXV.

Passed 21st
Nov. 1763.

An Act to confirm the Sale of certain Land lying in Eastern-Neck Island, in Kent County, by Draper Lusby and Frances his Wife, Executrix of John Hynson, Deceased, to Matthew Bryan. Lib. H.S. fol. 517. PR.

C H A P. XXVI.

Passed 26th
Nov. 1763.

An ACT to prohibit raising of Swine and Geese in Charles-Town, in Charles County. Lib. H.S. fol. 518.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) No Inhabitants of the said Town, shall keep or support, within the said Town, any Swine or Geese, unless within their own Inclosures. (2.) Any such Inhabitants suffering any Swine or Geese, belonging to themselves, or under their Care and belonging to any other Persons, to go at large in the said Town, it shall be lawful for any Person to shoot or destroy such Swine or Geese going at large. (3.) Persons sued for such shooting or destroying, may Plead the General Issue, &c.

C H A P. XXVII.

Ditto.

An Act empowering the Justices of Prince-George's and Charles Counties, to levy on the taxable Persons of Saint John's (commonly called King George's) Parish, in the said Counties, the Sum of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the necessary Enlargement of their Parish Church. Lib. H.S. fol. 519.

N. B. By this Act, the Justices of the said Counties are empowered and required, on Application of the Vestry-men and Church-wardens, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, 56000^{lb} Tobacco, with the Salary of 5 per Cent to the Sheriff, at two equal Assessments, to be respectively made by the said Justices, in Proportion to the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, residing in their several Counties; to be paid and collected in the same Manner as Public and County Levies; and to be paid by the respective Sheriffs, to the Vestry-men, &c. of the said Parish, and by them be applied to enlarging the said Church, and to no other Use, &c.

C H A P. XXVIII.

Ditto.

An ACT for imposing an additional Duty of Two Pounds per Poll on all Negroes Imported into this Province. Lib. H.S. fol. 520.

Additional
Duty of 40s.
on each Ne-
gro imported,to be paid at
the Time of
Entry,on Penalty of
10l. per Ne-
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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 from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, all Masters of Ships and other Vessels, and all other Persons importing or bringing Negroes into this Province, either by Land or by Water, shall, at the Time of making their Entry, or bringing in the same, Pay unto the Naval-Officer of the Port or Place where they shall make their Entry, or bring in such Negroes, the Sum of Two Pounds Current Money, over and above what by the Laws of this Province now in Force, is to be paid, for every Negro so imported or brought in, on Penalty and Forfeiture of Ten Pounds Current Money for every Negro so imported or brought in, and not paid for as aforesaid, to be recovered by