

our Sovereign Lord the King his Heirs & Successors to the use aforesaid, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province by any person that will sue for the same by Bill Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed. And the said Justices, Magistrates, head Officers, Sheriffs or Constables shall render an Account thereof at the next Court to be holden for the respective County City or Borough where the said offence shall be committed; And in default of such distress, the Sheriff or Constable are hereby authorized and empower'd to bring the party offending before the next Justice of peace, who is hereby authorized and empowered to bind such offender or offenders over to the next Court to be holden for the County City or Borough respectively, and to be during the interval of good Behaviour,

And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid, that the Minister of each respective Church or Chapel of this Province do in pursuance of his Majesty's Royal Letter directed to the Right Reverend Father in God *Henry* Lord Bishop of *London* and countersigned by the Right Noble Prince *Charles* Duke of *Shrewsbury* their Majesty's principal Secretary of State bearing date the 13th of *February* Anno Domini 1689 to be communicated to the Provinces of *Canterbury* & *York* by himself or Clerk read four times a Year, all penal Laws of this Province made for punishment of Vice, together with his said Majesty's Royal Letter within their severall & respective Parishes, under the penalty of two thousand pounds of tobacco to be recovered as aforesaid, to the use aforesaid.

Be it likewise Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid, that no Ordinary-keeper or any other Master or Mistress of a Family from and after the time aforesaid, either directly or indirectly by any colour or pretence whatsoever (unless in cases of absolute necessity) shall or may upon the Lords Day sell any strong liquor whatsoever to any person whatsoever, or knowingly or wittingly suffer or permit in or about his her or their house or houses any tipling, drunkenness, gaming exercise or pastime whatsoever as aforesaid, being convicted thereof by two sufficient Witnesses shall forfeit the sum of two thousand pounds of tobacco one moiety thereof to our Sovereign Lord the King his Heirs and Successors to the use aforesaid, the other half to him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered as aforesaid, and if an Ordinary-keeper to lose his Licence.

And it is hereby further enacted that the severall Clerks of the severall County Courts within this Province be obliged hereby to suffer and permit the severall Clerks of the severall Vestries to take copies of all and singular the Acts of Assembly relating to Religion gratis, without taking or receiving any fee thereore, under penalty of two thousand pounds of tobacco to such County Clerk refusing the same to the use aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

*An Act for erecting Ann Arundel & Oxford Town into Ports & Towns.*

Be it Enacted by the King & Queens most Excellent Majesty's by & with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of the same, that from and after the publication hereof the Land called the Town Land at *Seavern* in *Ann-Arundel* County where the Town was formerly, and the Land at *Oxford* in *Talbot* County where the Town was formerly shall from henceforth be Towns & Ports and places of Trade, where all Ships & Vessels may come to for entering and clearing, to which end the Collector of that District or his lawful deputys shall constantly reside at the said Towns and Ports, and also Naval Officer or Officers or their deputys shall also constantly reside there for giving dispatch to all Ships & Vessels coming or trading into them Ports; and that the same Ports & Towns may be capable of being built upon and inhabited by persons desiring to dwell & inhabit in them.

Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the proclaiming of this Act all and every the persons named herein for Commissioners shall be Commissioners of and for the said two Towns and each of them, and they and every of them shall and may execute the powers & authorities hereby given them according to the directions hereafter given & prescribed, as well for the buying & purchasing the aforesaid Town Lands of the now owners & possessors of the same, as for the surveying & laying out the same and taking out the severall Lots to be laid out in them; to the end the length breadth & extent of each Lot in each Town & Port may be known and distinguish'd; (that is to say) for the said Town and Port of *Ann-Arundel* in *Ann-Arundel* County aforesaid, Major *John Hammord*, Major *Edward Dorsey*, Mr. *John Bennet*, Mr. *John Dorsey*, Mr. *Henry Constable*, Mr. *Andrew Norwood*, Mr. *Philip Norwood*, Mr. *James Sannars* and the honourable *Nickelias Greenbury* Esq; and for the Town & Port in *Talbot* County in *Oxford* aforesaid, Mr. *Edward Man*, Mr. *John Edmundson*, Mr. *Clement Saile*, Mr. *John Neels*, Mr. *John Plunkins*, Mr. *Thomas Robbins* & Mr. *Thomas Robbins Junior*, the honourable *George Roebottom*, Mr. *Thomas Smithson* & Mr. *Thomas Smyth*.

And be it Enacted that the said Commissioners herein nominated for each respective Town in each County aforesaid, or the major part of 'em are hereby empower'd sometime before the 25th day of *February* Anno Domini 1694 to meet together upon the respective Lands & places for Towns before mentioned, then and there to treat & agree with the owners & all persons interested in the said Lands, and buy and purchase of such owners and others interested in the said Lands one hundred Acres of the said Lands at the discretion of the persons aforesaid, least preferred to the owners, and they that purchase shall cause the same to be survey'd, and after