

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed 29th
October 1742.

An Act for dividing Prince George's Parish, in Prince George's County, and for erecting a Parish out of the same, called by the Name of All-Saints Parish. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 266.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) From and after the 22^d November next, all that Part of Prince George's Parish, beginning at Great-Sennecar-Run Mouth, and running by and with the said Run to the Head thereof; from thence with a due East Line to the Head of one of the Draughts of Patuxent River, and so binding all round as the Upper Part of the said County is bounded; shall be separated, constituted, and created into a Parish, to be called by the Name of All-Saints Parish; and is hereby adjudged, deemed, and taken, to be a separate and distinct Parish. (2.) The Free-holders impowered to elect Vestry-men and Church-wardens, and to build and found a Church therein: and to have, hold, and enjoy all Privileges and Advantages that are held and enjoyed by any other Parish within this Province.

C H A P. XIX.

Ditto.

An Act to divide Somerset County, and to erect a new County on the Sea-board Side, by the Name of Worcester. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 267.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) After the 10th December next, the Bounds of Somerset County shall contain as followeth: Beginning at Watkins's Point, and from thence running up Pocomoke Bay to the Mouth of Pocomoke River, up and with the said River to the Mouth of Dividing-Creek; thence up the Westernmost Side of the said Creek, to the Bridges called Denstone's Bridges; and from thence West to the main Road called Parabawkin Road; thence up, and with the said Road to John Caldwell senior's Saw-Mill; thence up and with the said Road, over Cox's Branch, to Broad-Creek Bridge, and down the said Branch and Creek into Nanticoke River; thence down the said River with Dorchester County to the Mouth thereof; and from thence, including all the Islands formerly deemed to be in Somerset County, to the Beginning called Watkins's Point. And that after the said 10th December, all the remaining Part of what is now reputed to be within the County of Somerset, to the Extent of this Province, shall be, and is hereby constituted into a County, and shall be nominated, called and known by the Name of Worcester County; and the Inhabitants thereof, shall have and enjoy equal Privileges with the other Counties of this Province, in sending Delegates to the General Assembly, having County Courts, Sheriffs, Justices, and other Officers and Ministers, as usual in other Counties, &c. (2.) Certain Commissioners are appointed and impowered to purchase from the Owners of such Land in the Towns of Princess-Anne and Snow-Hill, not being more than one, nor less than Half an Acre, whereon to erect a Court-house in each County; and, in case of Refusal, or Disability of the Owner to sell such Land, to have the same valued by a Jury; and the Payment of such Valuation to the Owner, &c. or Tender thereof, shall invest the Justices, and their Successors, with an Estate in Fee-simple, for the Use of such County Court, for ever. (3.) The Justices impowered to contract for the building, and cause a Court-house to be built in their respective Counties on the said Lands, and to raise Sums, not exceeding 1000*l.* in each County, to pay for the Lands and Buildings, by three equal Yearly Assessments. (4.) The Justices of Somerset County, to sell by Vendue to the highest Bidder, the present Court-house, and Lands belonging to the said County; Half the Produce whereof to be paid to the Justices of Worcester County, and be by them applied to the County Charge; the other Half to be in like Manner applied by the Justices of Somerset County, to defray the Public Charge of that County. (5.) Worcester County Court to be held on the First Tuesdays of the Months of March, June, August, and November, Yearly; and the Assizes in the said County to begin, and be held on the Thursdays before the Assizes in Somerset County; and the Assizes and County Courts of Somerset County, after the last Day of November next, shall be held at Princess-Anne Town aforesaid.

C H A P. XX.

Ditto.

An Act encouraging the raising of Copper Ore, erecting of Stamping Mills, and Copper Works, and making of Copper within this Province. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 269. PR.

Viz. For the Encouragement of John Digges, who had undertaken a Copper-Work, (1.) By making all his Labourers and Workmen, constantly employed therein, Levy-free for 7 Years. (2.) By exempting them from Working upon High-Roads or Bridges, and from Attendance on Musters, &c.

C H A P. XXI.

Ditto.

An Act for raising a Duty of Three Half-pence Sterling per Hogshead, on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Use of the Governor. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 270. EXP.

Till the last Day of October 1743.

C H A P. XXII.

Ditto.

An Act to enable the Rector, Vestry-men and Church-wardens, for the Time being, of St. Anne's Parish, in Anne-Arundel County, to Lease certain Lots in the City of Annapolis, in Manner, and to the Uses therein mentioned. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 271. REP.

This Act being found ineffectual to the Purposes intended, viz. to encourage Tenants to build upon the Church Lots; it was repealed by a new Act 1747, ch. 24.

C H A P.