

## P R E F A C E.

here present the Publick with a Collection of all the Material Laws of the Province of *Maryland* at Present in Force, proper or requisite for the Inhabitants to know,

At first I propos'd the abridging them, but as abridging might alter the Meaning of the enacting Clauses, I have given every Law in Force at large in the very Words of, and copied from the Principal Act itself, abridging only the Preambles, Form of the enacting Clauses, and the general Form in every penal Act of applying and recovering the fine.

My Plan and Method observ'd in so doing is, after giving my Lord *Baltimore's* Charter in *English*, I have in the order as to the Time enacted, given every material Act at present in Force, with all the subsequent Acts relating to any Original Acts immediately following, so that every particular Point relative to the Original Law, may be seen in one Place without turning over and searching for the same thro' the whole Body.

Upon the Margin opposite, to the titling of every Act, I have noted the Year when enacted, that thereby the same may be seen in and compared with the original Act, which can be call'd for from the Clerk of any County Court, who has them as published lodged with him by Authority.

There is, together with a very full Index, added a Table of the Acts contained in the Collection, as also a Table of all the Acts not inserted, mentioning the Acts whereby repealed or the Time they expired; mention is also made of any Clauses in any Acts at present in Force, that have been  
repealed