

taxable Inhabitants of their Counties respectively, all such Fees, as are herein before directed, to be paid by the respective Counties from time to time, and at all times hereafter, as the Case shall require, during the Continuance of this Act: And that all such Fees shall and may be paid by the Inhabitants of this Province, in the same Manner as they are allowed by Law, to pay any other County or publick Charges.

THIS Act to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

THIS Act is continued for the like Time by Act passed *May 24,* 1754. P. A. page 3d.

**An ACT to prevent Persons from secret-**  
**ing Boats, Flats and other Vessels,**  
*Passed October } drove by Strefs of Weather from*  
*2d, 1753. }* **their Moorings.**

**W**HEREAS it often happens, that Flats, Boats and other Vessels, are by Strefs of Weather, or by Ice, drove from Landings, Moorings and Harbours, into the Bay and from one River to another, and are taken up by Persons, who secret such Boats or Vessels: To the Intent therefore that the Owners may not be deprived of their Property;

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 last Day of *March* next, where any Person or Persons shall discover, take up and secure any Flat, Boat or other Vessel, drove from any Place of Mooring, Landing, Harbour or River, or from any other Vessel, such Person or Persons shall and they are hereby obliged, in Ten Days after such Discovery, taking up and securing as aforesaid, to give Notice thereof to some Justice of the Peace, for the County where such Flat, Boat or other Vessel is taken up and secured as aforesaid, which said Justice of the Peace shall, and he is hereby required to deliver, to the Party giving such Notice, an Advertisement, describing in the best Manner, the Built and Marks of such Flat, Boat or other Vessel, and the Name of such Person and Place of his Abode; Copies of which Advertisement the said Party shall within Ten Days after the Date thereof, cause to be set up in the most publick Places of the said County. And within Thirty Days after such Date, procure the same to be inserted in the *Maryland Gazette*, and shall deliver the same Boat or other Vessel to the Owner thereof, upon Payment of reasonable Cost and Charges of the same, he or they first proving the Property, by his or their own Oath or otherwise, before some Justice of the Peace.

THAT if any Person or Persons after the said last Day of *March*, shall take up and secure, any Flat, Boat or other Vessel, drove from  
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