

At a Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, in MARYLAND, the Eleventh Day of July, 1732, the following LAWS were Enacted.

An ACT to prohibit raising of Swine, Sheep, and Geese, in the Town of Chester, in Kent County.

WHEREAS, the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Chester* Town, in the County of *Kent*, by their humble Petition to the Lower House of Assembly, have set forth, That divers Persons living in the same Town, do raise and keep large Quantities of Swine, Sheep, and Geese, within the same Town, whereby; not only the Grass necessary for the Support of the Cows and Horses of the Inhabitants is consumed; but that also, the Ground is so rooted up, and the Streets so broke, that in Winter or wet Weather, they are almost impassable; also, that the Swine there, are so numerous and ravenous, that they break into Warehouses where Grain is stored, and that several young Children have been in Danger of being devoured by them; and that the Inhabitants cannot preserve their Gardens and Inclosures from being broke down and destroyed by them,

BE it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, living, or to live, within the same Town, shall, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, under any Pretence whatsoever, keep or support within the same Town, any Swine, Sheep, or Geese, belonging to themselves, or any other Person whatsoever, unless such Swine, Sheep, or Geese, be kept within such Person or Persons Inclosure so keeping or supporting such Swine, Sheep, or Geese.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons that shall be convicted before any Magistrate, on Confession or Proof of transgressing against this Act, shall pay One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for each Transgression; The same to be levied on the Body, Goods, or Chattels, of the Offender, by way of Execution, as in Case of small Debts, and to be applied to the Use of the Free School of the County aforesaid.