

C H A P. XX. co, when collected according to each Year's equal Assessment, shall be paid to the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the said Parish.

For building a Chapel. III. And whereas, a Rising Piece of Ground, at the West Entrance into Villet's Old Fields, near the Main Road that leadeth from Bryan-Town to Benedict, is represented by the Petitioners to be the most convenient Situation for Erecting the said Chapel on: Be it therefore further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Rector, Vestrymen, and Churchwardens, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to purchase out of the Tobacco hereby granted, One Acre of Land in the said Old Fields, situate in that Place which they may judge most convenient for erecting and building the said Chapel upon; and which One Acre, when purchased, shall be, and remain to and for the Use of the Parish aforesaid for ever.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act for imposing an Additional Duty of Two Pounds per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province.*

The Act of 1763, ch. 28, continued 7 Years, &c.

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 an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for imposing an Additional Duty of Two Pounds per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province,* made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Fourth Day of October, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-three, be, and is hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full Force, for and during the Term of Seven Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Seven Years.

Continued Act of Session 1773 Ch. 14 for 7 years &c. not made

C H A P. XXII.

An Additional Supplementary ACT, to the Act, entitled, *An Act for quieting Possessions, enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Act, entitled, *An Act for quieting Possessions, enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers,* in ascertaining a Way and Method for Conveying of Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, extends to, and regards only such Conveyances as operate by way of Bargain and Sale; and the good Ends and Purposes of the said Act are now in great Measure eluded by the frequent Use of Conveyances by Feoffment, Lease and Release Confirmation, Release Limitation and Declaration, of Uses and other Modes of Conveying. And whereas a general Registry of all Deeds and Conveyances of Land, would very much tend to the Security of Creditors and Purchasers, the Preservation of Titles, and thereby to the Advancement of the Value of Real Estates, and particularly to prevent Abuses and Deceits by Mortgages, and the Purchase of pretended Titles:

No Estate of Inheritance, or Freehold, &c. for above 7 Years, to take Effect, unless acknowledged in the Provincial or County Court, &c.

II. Be it therefore 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 after the First Day of May next, no Estate of Inheritance or Freehold, or any Declaration or Limitation of Use, or any Estate for above Seven Years, shall Pass or take Effect, except the Deed or Conveyance by which the same shall be intended to Pass or take Effect, shall be acknowledged in the Provincial Court, or before One of the Justices thereof, or in the County Court, or