

C H A P. IV, V, VI, VII

belonging to themselves, or to any other person and under their care, to go at large within the said town, it shall and may be lawful for any person to shoot or otherwise destroy such swine or geese so found at large, and moreover any person or persons suffering any swine or geese to go at large, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every offence the sum of five pounds current money.

Defendant may plead the general issue.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any person shall be sued or impleaded for shooting or otherwise destroying such swine or geese, as aforesaid, the defendant may plead the general issue and give this act and special matter in evidence.

C H A P. V.

An ACT for the furtherance of justice in a particular cause. (A private act.)

C H A P. VI.

An ACT relating to the county courts of Caroline county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Caroline county, that that part of the act, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county court, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on Tuesday the ninth day of March, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, which directs the courts of the said county to be held at Choptank bridge; until the court-house and prison shall be built for the said county of Caroline, according to the directions of the act of assembly in such case made and provided, is found by experience very burthensome and inconvenient to the inhabitants thereof:

Part of an act suspended.

Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That so much of the act aforesaid, which directs the county courts of Caroline to be held at Choptank bridge, until the court-house and prison shall be built for the said county, according to the directions of the act in such case made and provided, be and hereby is suspended for seven years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of the said seven years.

C H A P. VII.

A supplement to the act for the establishment of select vestries.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by the declaration of rights, it was among other things declared, that the churches, chapels, glebes, and all other property belonging to the church of England, ought to remain to the church of England for ever; and whereas, by the above act for the establishment of select vestries, the glebe lands, churches, and chapels, books, plate, and other ornaments belonging to the said churches and chapels, the property of the church of England, were vested in the select vestries, to be chosen in virtue of