

Liber LL, 4
Acts and successors & of all bodys politick and Corporate, Provided Nevertheless that in Case the said W^m Griffin, W^m Jarvis, and Rob^t Morris or Either of them shall at any time after the Makeing such his or their Oath or Oaths or takeing such Test af^d be Convict of Willfull and Corrupt perjury there upon or of a Willfull breach or non Compliance with the Tenure of such Test that then the said W^m Griffin W^m Jarvis and Rob^t Morris or such of them as shall be Convict as af^d shall upon such Conviction be adjudged to stand two houres in the Pillory and have his left Ear Cut off and shall be wholly Deprived of any benefit Designed him them or Either of them by this Law and shall be from thenceforth lyable to be prosecuted for any Debts or Demands whatsoever in the same Manner as if this Act had never been made anything therein Contained to the Contrary notwithstanding, Provided allways that the severall persons Intended to be Releived by this act shall be and are obliged to pay or secure the payment of their Imprisonm^t fees to the severall sherr^s in whose Custody they are by Servitude or otherwise without which they are not to have any Benefitt or advantage by this act anything therein Contained to the Contrary notwithstanding, And alsoe provided that the Comissioners of Ann Arundell County shall be and are Impowred by Vertue of this Act in a Summary way to here and Determine all Disputes and Controverseys Concerning all or any part of the Estate of Robert Morris that shall appear to them to have been Misaplyed and to Releive the Creditors according to the Rules of Justice and Equity.

Acts of
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ch. 6
p. 587
(The
Proprietary
dissented)
[Other Acts
of this
Session are
printed in
Vols. 34 and
36 of the
Archives]

An Act to Prevent the great Evils arising by the Importation of Convicts into this Province and for the better Discovery of such when Imported.

Whereas the great number of Convicts of late years Imported into this Province have not Only Comitted severall murders Burglarys and Other felonies but Debauched the minds and Principles of severall of the Ignorant and formerly Innocent Inhabitants thereof so far as to Induce them to Comitt Severall of the like Crimes The Perpetration whereof are now become so Comon and frequent that honest People are very Insecure in their lives or Propertys And Whereas the greatest Part of the Magistrates Time is taken up in the Tryall & Prosecution of the said Convicts and their proselytes to the great Delay of all Civil Business and the Insupportable Expence of the Countrey which Evils are in a great measure Occasioned by the Masters or Owners of such Convicts not takeing Care to keep them wthin due bounds and restraining them from Injuring their neighbours for Remedy whereof.

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor by & with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the