

itants Taxables of this Province and paid to the severall persons to whom the same is due as aforesaid, any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the Contrary thereof Notwithstanding.

Public Record Office, London. C. O. 5, Vol. 731, Maryland. From 1694-1702. Acts of April, 1696, ch. 2 (Repealed by 1700, ch. 8)

An Act appointing the Justices of each respective County within this Province & Vestries of each respective Parrish to returne the County levie & proceedings to the Govern^r & Council yearley.

Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of this present Gennerall Assembly & the Authority of the same that the severall & respective Justices of each respective County Court within this Province doe yearly & every year dureing the continuance of this Act return or cause to be returned to the Governour & Council for the time being an account of the County Levy within thirty dayes after the same is by them leavied and assessed under the penalty of five hundred pounds of Tobacco each Justice so levieing the same & that the several & respective Vestrymen of this Province doe likewise once a yeare return to the Governour & Council for the time being a true & perfect accompt of all their proceedings in their Vestryes relateing to their severall & respective receipts payments & disbursements by them made under the penalty of two hundred pounds of Tobacco each Vestryman present & that the said accounts as well from the said Justices as from the severall & respective Vestryes after perusal by the Governour & Council be filed in the high Court of Chancery that all persons may have recourse thereto, & that the Register or his Deputy file the same ex officio, which fines & forfeitures to be & remaine one halfe thereof to our Sovereigne Lord the King his heires & Successors & the other halfe thereof to him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered in the Provinciall Court of this Province by action of debt, bill, plaint or Informacion wherein no Essoin protection or wager of law to be allowed any law statute useage or custome to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, This Act to endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Gennerall Assembly which shall first happen.

An Act of Assembly to prevent people driveing away horses into the woods.

Acts of April, 1696, ch. 3 (Repealed by 1701, ch. 8)

Whereas severall evil minded people within this Province have made it their practice to come upon other mens Plantacōns & drive away their Stocks of Horses & Cattle into remote parts of the woods to the great prejudice of the severall Inhabitants of this Province, for preventing of which evil for the future Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of this present Gennerall Assembly & the Authority of the same that no person or persons whatsoever whether Inhabitants of this Province or Strangers shall presume upon any pretence whatsoever to come