

ACTS

Session Laws Chapter I. Preamble. An Act to encourage the destroying of Bears in *Worcester* County. Forasmuch as it is represented to this General Assembly, by the Inhabitants of *Worcester* County, that the said County is much infested with Bears:

100 lb. of Tobacco for killing each Bear. *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 every Person who shall bring to any Justice of the Peace of *Worcester* County, the Head of a Bear that was killed in the said County, shall be allowed in the Levy of the said County One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco; which said Sum of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for each Bear that shall be so killed, the Justices of the said County are hereby required and empowered to levy upon the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, to be paid in the same Manner as the Public and County Levies now are: And to prevent a double Allowance for one Bear, the Justice before whom such Bear's Head shall be brought, is hereby required to cause the Ears thereof to be cut off, and it's Tongue to be cut out, and to give a Certificate thereof to the Party producing the said Head.

How to be levied. Proviso. [William Kilty, in compiling the Laws in 1799, wrote, "This act has never been repealed, but it may be presumed, has ceased to have any operation."] *Provided always,* That it shall not be lawful for any of the Justices of the County aforesaid, to give any Certificate for any Bear's Head (other than what shall be killed by an *Indian*), before the Party producing the same shall make Oath (or Affirmation, if a Quaker) that the Bear for which the Certificate is desired, was killed in the County aforesaid, after the making this Act; nor to give a Certificate for the Head of any Bear killed by an *Indian*, unless the said Head be brought to him whole and entire, and that it appear to be green and fresh killed; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Chapter II. An Act for making a Chapel already erected in *Prince George's* Parish, in *Prince George's* County, a Chapel of Ease.

Preamble. Whereas, diverse Inhabitants of *Prince George's* Parish, in *Prince George's* County, have by their Petition to this General Assembly set forth, That they have been at great Charge in building a Chapel, which is more convenient to the Majority of the Parishioners than the Parish Church, and that the said Chapel will go to Decay if not prevented; and have humbly prayed, that an Act may pass, for making the said Chapel a Chapel of Ease to the said Parish.