

Session Laws Gelding or Geldings, Colt or Colts, within this Province, and all Aiders, Abettors, and Accessories, either before or after the Fact, of any such Takers or Stealers, and all and every Person and Persons who shall buy, take, or receive any stolen Horse, Mare, Gelding, or Colt, knowing the same to be feloniously taken or stolen, and shall be thereof convicted, by Confession or Verdict, or be outlawed, or will not upon Arraignment answer directly according to Law, or shall wilfully and of Malice stand mute, or shall peremptorily challenge above Twenty, shall for every such Offence or Offences as aforesaid, suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

And be it further Enacted, That any Person or Persons who shall, after the Publication of this Act, maliciously, wilfully, and designedly burn any Ship or other Vessel, Sloop, Shallop, or Boat, of Seventeen Feet Keel, or upwards, whether laden or empty, and the Aiders or Abettors of such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted or attainted by due Course of Law, shall suffer Death as a Felon or Felons, without Benefit of Clergy.

p 18 This Act to continue for Three Years next ensuing, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly that shall happen after the said Three Years.

Chap. XXI. An Act to enable the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church-Wardens of *St. James's* Parish, in *Anne-Arundel* County, to lease Lands belonging to *St. James's* Church, in Manner, and to the Uses therein mentioned.

Preamble. Whereas, the Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of *St. James's* Parish, in *Anne Arundel* County, have by their humble Petition represented to this present General Assembly, that they are entitled to and possessed of a Parcel of Land, Part of a Tract called *Wrighton*, on the East Side of *Patuxent* River, in *Anne Arundel* County, and that the said Land has hitherto remained unimproved, and might for the future continue not only unimproved, but a Burden and Charge to the Incumbent of the said Parish (by Payment of his Lordship's Land-Rents), for want of Power in the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church-Wardens of the said Parish, for the Time being, to lease the said Land for _____ Years, to such Person or Persons as might be willing and desirous to receive such Lease or Leases of the said Land, or some of it, to build on, and otherwise improve the same; wherefore it was by the said Petition prayed, that Leave might be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church-Wardens of the said Parish for the Time being, to lease and demise the aforesaid Land to any Person or Persons who shall be willing and desirous to take a Lease thereof, on such Conditions, Covenants, Provisoes, Agreements, and Rents, as the Rector, Vestry-men, and Church-Wardens of the said Parish for the Time being, and the Person or Persons who shall be willing to take the