

standing Provided always That if the said Horatio Samuel Middleton his Heirs or Assigns shall neglect to pay to the Corporation of Annapolis five shillings Current money Annually for the Ground Rent thereof and pay the Lord Proprietary the proportionable Part of the Quit Rents thereon within Two months after reasonable request made that then it shall and may be lawfull for the said Corporation into the aforesaid Parcel or Lot of Ground to Re-enter Saving to his most sacred Majesty his Heirs and Successors to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Heirs and Successors and to all Bodies Politick and Corporate and all others not mentioned in this Act their several and respective Rights.

Liber H. S.
No. I

16.th November 1753
Read and Assented to
by the Lower House of
Assembly
Signed p Order
M Macnemara Cl lo ho.

On behalf of the Right
Honourable the Lord
Proprietary of this Province
I will this be a Law
Hor.^o Sharpe

16 Novem.^r 1753
Read and Assented to
by the Upper House of
Assembly
Signed p Order
J. Ross Cl Up Ho.

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Wax Appendant

No. 25 A Supplementary and Explanatory Act to an Act entituled, An Act p. 115
for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves,
and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders;
and a Supplementary Act to an Act entituled, An Act to prevent
the tumultuous Meetings, and other Irregularities, of Negroes
and other Slaves.

Whereas by an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves, [Preamble.]
and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders;
and a Supplementary Act to an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings, and other Irregularities, of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of trying Slaves, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held, at the City of Annapolis, on the Fifteenth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty One, amongst other Things, it was enacted, "That if any Slave shall happen to be slain for refusing to surrender him or herself, contrary to Law, or in unlawful resisting any Officer, or other Person, who shall apprehend, or endeavour to apprehend, such Slave or Slaves, and such Officer or other Person so killing such Slave as aforesaid, making Resistance, shall be, and he is by this Act, indemnified from any Prosecution for such killing aforesaid." And whereas some Doubts may possibly arise about the Construction of the said recited Clause, and whether the Person so killing such Slave as aforesaid, making Resistance, shall undergo any Prosecution for the same; for the Explanation whereof, and to prevent all Disputes or Doubts which may arise concerning the said Clause,

[Recital of
Part of a
former Act.]

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