

V. And, that there be purchased to the said Town of *Williamstadt*, One Hundred Acres of Land, adjacent to the said Town, for a Common or Pasture for the Benefit of all Persons within this Province that shall repair to the said Town. And that the same be laid out as above expressed, and that Six Acres of the same be reserved for Public Buildings.

C H A P. VII. Town Common.

*Examined and Compared with the Original Act,* REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. VIII.

An Act for the raising a Supply towards defraying the public Charges of this Province. EXP. Passed 22d of May 1695.

*Viz.* By a Tax upon Officers, for 3 Years, or to the End of the next Session. Continued by 1695, *ch.* 26. A Supplementary Law 1696, *ch.* 11. It was farther continued in 1696, for 3 Years certain, and expired in 1699, when it appearing that considerable Arrears were due from many Officers in the several Counties, the same were, by the Assembly, sold to several Gentlemen, for certain Sums paid down, who were empowered by two Acts, *viz.* 1699, *ch.* 2, and 37. to recover the same from the respective Officers concerned, in their own Names, and to their own Use.

C H A P. IX.

An Act for the laying an Imposition upon Negroes, Slaves, and White Persons imported into this Province. EXP. Ditto.

*Viz.* 2 s. 6 d. Sterling per Poll on white Servants, and 10 s. per Poll on Negroes imported; to be applied to the Building of a State-House, and defraying other public Dues. For 3 Years, or to the End of the next Session. Continued 1695, *ch.* 26. A new Act 1696, *ch.* 7.

C H A P. X.

An Act for the Naturalization of Matthias Matthiason, alias Freeman, Peter Golley, John and Joseph Gouttee, and Joseph and John, Sons of the said Joseph Gouttee, and Leonard Camperon. Lib. LL. N° 2. fol. 90. PR. Ditto.

C H A P. XI.

An Act ascertaining the Fees of Naturalization. Lib. LL. N° 2. fol. 91. REP. Ditto.

A new Act made 1704, *ch.* 74.

C H A P. XII.

An Act for the Assessing Three Pence per Hogshead upon Tobacco, towards defraying the public Charge of this Province. EXP. Ditto.

For one Year only.

C H A P. XIII.

An Act for the Division and Regulating several Counties within this Province, and constituting a County, by the Name of Prince George's County within the same Province. Lib. LL. N° 2. fol. 92. Ditto.

N. B. By this Act (1.) From and after the 23d April 1696, the Bounds of ST. MARY'S County, shall begin at *Point Look-out*, and extend itself up *Patowmack* River, to the lower Side of *Bud's* Creek, and so over by a strait Line drawn from the Head of the main Branch of the said *Bud's* Creek, to the Head of *Indian* Creek, in *Patuxent* River; including all that Land lying between *Patuxent* and *Patowmack* Rivers, from the lower Part of the said two Creeks and Branches of *Bud's* and *Indian* Creek, by the Line aforesaid, and *Point Look-out* as aforesaid. (2.) Upon the Upper Side of the said *Indian* Creek and *Bud's* Creek, shall the Bounds of CHARLES County begin, where the upper Bounds of *St. Mary's* ends; and extend itself upwards as far as *Mattawoman* Creek and Branch, and bounding on the said Branch by a strait Line drawn from the Head thereof, to the Head of *Swanson's* Creek, in *Patuxent* River; including all that Land lying on the upper Part of *Bud's* Creek and *Indian* Creek Branches, where *St. Mary's* County ends, to the lower Side of *Mattawoman* Creek and Branch, and *Swanson's* Creek and Branch, between *Patuxent* and *Patowmack* Rivers, as aforesaid. (3.) The Land from the upper Side of *Mattawoman* and *Swanson's* Creek and Branches, extending upwards, bounded by *Patowmack* on the West, and by *Patuxent* River on the East, shall be, and is hereby constituted, founded and incorporated into a County of this Province, and shall be denominated, called and known, by the Name of PRINCE-GEORGE'S County; and shall, from and after the said 23d Day of April next ensuing, being *St. George's* Day, have and enjoy all other Rights, Benefits and Privileges, equal with the other Counties of this Province: Such as sending Burgesses to Assemblies, having County Courts, Sheriffs, Justices and other Officers and Ministers requisite and necessary, and as are used in other Counties of this Province. (4.) Commissioners appointed, who shall, at or before the said 23d Day of April, cause the said Two Lines, from the Head of *Bud's* Creek Branch, to the Head of *Indian* Creek Branch, and from the Head of *Mattawoman* Branch to *Swanson's* Creek Branch, fully to be marked and lined by a double Line of marked Trees, that the same may be known and perceived by all Persons, desiring to know the same; and shall return a Certificate of the due Courses thereof, one to each County concerned, and one more Certificate to the Governor and Council, to be recorded in the Council Records, and each County Court's Records, as aforesaid. (5.) *St. Mary's* County Court to be held for ever hereafter at the State-House of the City of *St. Mary's*, being hereby allowed and appointed to the County of *St. Mary's* for holding and keeping their Courts in, and such other decent Services, as to the Justices of the same County, in full Court, shall be consented and agreed to. (6.) The *Island of Kent* to be added

St. Mary's.

Charles.

Pr.-George's.