

1696.

8 and 9 WILLIAM III.

C H A P. XXIV.

N. B. This Act was particularly excepted out of the several general repealing Acts of 1699, *ch. 46*; 1700, *ch. 8*; and 1704, *ch. 77*; nor hath it been repealed in any particular; but it is in great Part rendered Obsolete (such Clauses excepted as relate to private Property obtained under it) by the Charter, granted to the City of *Annapolis*, dated the 2d *November 1708*, and confirmed, &c. by an Act of Assembly 1708, *ch. 7*.

C H A P. XXV.

Passed 2d of October 1696. *A Supplementary Act to the \* Act for Payment and Assessment of the Public Charge of this Province. EXP.*

\* 1696, *ch. 16*.

1697. At a Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis*, on the 26th Day of *May*, in the 9th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord WILLIAM the Third, of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *Annoq; Domini 1697*, and ended the 11th Day of *June*, were Enacted the following Laws.

FRANCIS NICHOLSON, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

Passed 11th June 1697.

*An Act for the confirming Titles of Land, given to the Use of the Churches and several Chapels within this Province, empowering the Commissioners of the respective Counties, and Vestries of the respective Parishes, to take up certain Parcels of Land for the Use of the same. Lib. LL. N° 2. fol. 144. REP.*

A new Act made 1704, *ch. 37*.

C H A P. II.

Ditto. *An Additional Act to the Act of Assembly, intituled, \* An Act for speedy Justice for small Debts. EXP.*

For 3 Years, or to the End of the next Session. \* 1696, *ch. 21*.

C H A P. III.

Ditto. *An Act ascertaining how and when Execution shall be granted for public Officers Fees. EXP.*

For 3 Years, or to the End of the next Session.

C H A P. IV.

Ditto. *An Act for the better enabling Mrs. Catherine Herman, Widow and Relict of Col. Casparus Augustine Herman, Deceased, to sell Land in the Port of Annapolis, according to Contract of her said deceased Husband. Lib. LL. N° 2. fol. 148. PR.*

C H A P. V.

Ditto. An ACT empowering the Commissioners of each respective County, to purchase Lands for the Use of their respective Courts. *Lib. LL. N° 2. fol. 149.*

N. B. All Purchases made under this Act, are confirmed 1704, *ch. 76*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this present General Assembly, that sundry Court-Houses within this Province, for the better Conveniency of the respective Counties, have been built upon Lands whereunto the Counties could make no legal Claim or Challenge; the Owners thereof either refusing to make Sale, or otherwise incapacitated of so doing, by Reason of Non-age, or being beyond the Seas; which Evil if not prevented, will be very prejudicial to such Counties who have already laid out and expended considerable Sums of Tobacco in erecting and building such Court-Houses aforesaid.