

C H A P. XCIII.

Passed 9th of
Dec. 1704.

An ACT for Advancement of the Natives and Residents of this Province. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 210.*

No Person to hold any Office of Trust, &c. within this Province, till after three Years Residence;

Exception.

BE it Enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, who have not made this Province their Seat of Residence for the full Space and Term of Three Years, shall have, hold, possess or enjoy any Place or Office of Trust or Profit within the same, either by himself, or Deputy, except such Person or Persons as shall have immediate Commission from her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for any such Place or Office aforesaid, as also such Person or Persons, now possessed of any such Place or Office as aforesaid.

Persons commissioned by the Crown to dispose of any Place, &c. shall make Choice of Residents, except as before.

II. But that all and every her Majesty's principal Officers, within this Province, having, or that shall hereafter have, Authority, by virtue of any Commission from her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, to him or them granted, to dispose of any Place or Office as aforesaid, may, upon Vacancy of any Place or Office whereof they have Right to dispose, be obliged to make choice of such Person or Persons, as they shall think most worthy and capable of executing such Place or Office as aforesaid, out of the Inhabitants of this Province who have been Resident therein during the Time and Term aforesaid, (except before excepted) any Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons commissioned by the Crown, shall reside, &c. without particular Licence.

III. And be it further Enacted, That every Person or Persons whatsoever, having Commission from the Queen's Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, to exercise any Office within this Province, shall actually inhabit within this Province, and exercise the same in his own proper Person, and not by any Deputy or Deputies, without particular Leave from her Majesty.

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

C H A P. XCIV.

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An Act declaring several Acts of Assembly, formerly made, to be in Force. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 211. EXP.*

The Acts hereby continued, are 1692, *ch. 16*; 1692, *ch. 63*; 1694, *ch. 8*; 1696, *ch. 10*; 1699, *ch. 3*; 1700, *ch. 3*; and 1700, *ch. 6*; all which are declared to be in Force to the End of the next Session of Assembly.

C H A P. XCV.

Ditto.
*1704, *ch. 59.*

An Act for suspending the Prosecution of any Priests of the Communion of the Church of Rome, incurring the Penalties of an Act of Assembly, entitled, * An Act for preventing the Growth of Popery, by exercising his Function in a private Family of the Roman Communion, but in no other Case whatsoever. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 212. EXP.*

For 18 Months.

C H A P. XCVI.

Passed 9th of
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An Act for the Division of St. Paul's Parish in Prince George's County. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 213.*

(1.) The said Parish to be divided. (2.) The Division Lines to begin with the dividing Branches of *Patuxent River*, and to run with the Western Branch, to a Branch called *Cabin-Branch*, by the Plantation of a certain *Edward Willet*, and so with the *Cabin-Branch*, to the Head thereof: And the Southernmost Part to be adjudged to be *St. Paul's Parish*. (3.) The said *St. Paul's Parish* to be further bounded and divided by the Ridge between *Patuxent* and *Patowmack*; and the Eastern Side of the said Ridge, and the Northernmost Part of the Western Branch, to be adjudged a new and distinct Parish, by the Name of *Queen-Anne's Parish*, with Power to elect proper Officers, and enjoy all the Advantages, Privileges and Benefits of a compleat and entire Parish.

C H A P. XCVII.

Ditto.

An Act declaring an Act, entitled, * An Act for Erecting Ann-Arundel and Oxford Towns, into Ports and Towns, formerly made, to be in Force. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 214. EXP.*

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