

C H A P. XXXV.

An Act for the making good and valid, a certain Indenture, or Deed of Bargain and Sale, from William Lunn, late of Ann-Arundel County, deceased, to Thomas Larkin, Gentleman. *Lib. LL: N^o 4. fol. 194. PR.* Passed 3d June 1715.

C H A P. XXXVI.

An ACT laying an Imposition on Negroes, and on several forts of Liquors imported; and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the Importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 197.* Ditto.

Supplementary and other Acts relating to these Imposts, are, 1717, *ch. 10*; 1720, *ch. 26*; 1721, *ch. 9*; 1724, *ch. 10*; 1728, *ch. 8*; 1731, *ch. 18*; 1732, *ch. 23*; 1735, *ch. 6*; and 1763, *ch. 28*.

BE it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, the Importer or Importers of Rum, Spirits, Wine and Brandy, from *Pensylvania* and the Territories thereto belonging, by Land, shall, for every Gallon of the said Liquors so imported into this Province, pay unto the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for defraying the Public Charges of this Province, to be collected by the Naval Officer of *Cæcil* County District, for the Time being, or his sufficient Deputy, the * Sum of Nine-pence in ready Current Money of this Province; and shall bring the same Liquors into this Province, to the Place commonly called *Bobemia* Landing, and to no other Place or Landing, till the Duties thereof be paid; under the Penalty of forfeiting to the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, all such before mentioned Liquors, which shall be brought to any other Place, contrary to the Intent of this Act, or the Value thereof in ready Money; one Moiety of the said Forfeiture to the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and the other Moiety to the Informer; to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

* By the Act of 1724, *ch. 10*, this Duty of Nine-pence per Gallon is repealed; and a Duty of Three-pence per Gallon is declared to be still due and payable for the said Liquors brought by Land from *Pensylvania*, subject to the same Discounts and Allowances with the Duties of such Liquors imported from other Places.

II. And to the End that the said Nine-pence per Gallon may be exactly paid and collected; Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That before the said Liquors shall be Water-born in *Chesapeak* Bay, the Importer or Importers shall make Entry thereof, upon Oath, with the Naval Officer of *Cæcil* County District, of the Number of Casks; and the Contents thereof; which Oath the said Naval Officer, by virtue of this Act, shall have Authority to administer; and of the full Contents, the said Naval Officer may abate Twenty per Cent, for Leakage, and other Damage to be sustained, and no more.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if the Importer or Importers aforesaid, after he hath brought the said Liquors to *Bobemia* Landing aforesaid, shall put the said Liquors on board any Vessel in *Chesapeak* Bay, or any the Rivers, Creeks or Harbours thereto belonging, before the Duty aforesaid shall be paid in ready Money as aforesaid, that then the Importer or Importers shall forfeit the said Liquors, or the Value thereof in ready Money, to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

IV. And