

C H A P. XVIII.

An Act for the Naturalization of John Peter Zenger of Kent County, Printer, and his Children. *Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 498. PR.* Passed 27th October 1720.

C H A P. XIX.

An Act for Confirmation of certain Deeds of Sale to William Matthew, Esq; of Lands in Baltimore County. *Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 498. PR.* Ditto.

C H A P. XX.

A Supplementary Act to the Act to limit the Continuance of Actions in several Courts within this Province, and ascertaining the Manner of taking the Evidence of Seafaring Men, and for granting Appeals from the Chancery Court to the Governor and Council. *Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 500. REP. 1721, ch. 14. 1718, ch. 10, which, together with this Act, was repealed by the new Law.* Ditto.

C H A P. XXI.

An Act for granting unto Edward Smith, of the City of Annapolis, Sawyer, One Hundred and Twenty Foot of Ground in the said City to keep a Sawyer's Yard on, for the Encouragement of his Trade. *Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 500. PR.* Ditto.

C H A P. XXII.

An Act for the Confirmation of the Land therein mentioned, to Richard Bennet, Esq; *Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 501. PR. REP. 1753, ch. 24.* Ditto.

C H A P. XXIII.

A Supplementary Act to the Act for Relief of Thomas Manning, of Calvert County. *Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 503. PR.* Ditto. 1707, ch. 3.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT to restrain the Rigour of Prosecutions on Administration, or Testamentary Bonds. *Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 504.* Passed 27th October 1720.

WHEREAS it is represented by some of the Justices of the Provincial Court, That a most oppressive and pernicious Practice is introduced of putting Testamentary and Administration Bonds in Suit in the Provincial Court, for the Non-Payment of small Debts, recovered in the County Courts, without ever suing out Writs of *Fieri facias*, or other Executions to effect the Estate of the Deceased, in the Executors or Administrators Hands, or without any Insufficiency of such Executors or Administrators, whereby the Act, entitled, 'An Act to restrain the ill Practices used by Sheriffs in taking Goods by *Fieri facias*, and selling them by *Venditioni exponas*, is entirely evaded, so far as it relates to Executors and Administrators, and the Person and Sureties of such Executors and Administrators are affected by such Suing the said Bonds, instead of the Effects of the Deceased: For Prevention whereof for the Future, Preamble.

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall not be lawful for any Creditor or Creditors to prosecute any such Administration or Testamentary Bond for any Debt or Damages due from, or recovered against any Testator, or Intestate, or their Effects, before a *Non est Inventus* on a *Capias ad Respondendum* be returned against the Executor or Administrator, or a *Fieri facias* returned *nulla Bona* by the Sheriff of the County where such Executor or Administrator live, or where the Effects of such Deceased lies, or such other apparent Insolvency or Insufficiency of the Person or Effects of such Executor or Administrator, as shall in the Judgment of the Provincial Court that hears the Cause, render such Creditors Remediless by any other reasonable Means, save that of suing such Bonds; on pain that such Person or Persons that shall cause such Bonds to be sued, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of such Act, shall be condemned in full Costs of Suit, to be adjudged by such Provincial Court, to the Defendant or Defendants that shall be so sued, against the Person or Persons that shall cause the same to be sued, and shall award Execution thereof as usual in other Cases. No Administration Bonds shall be sued unless the Creditor be without Remedy by other Means, on Penalty of Costs.

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