

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Pork, Pitch or Tar, upon which the Duties aforesaid are assessed, shall be Landed or put on Shore out of any Vessel which shall import the same, or any other, without due Entry of the same with the Officer thereby appointed (upon Oath or Test of the said Person or Persons importing of any of the aforesaid Commodities) for collecting the same, in the Port or Place where such Commodity shall happen to be imported as aforesaid, or before the Duty due and payable for the same be satisfied, or secured to be satisfied, and a Warrant for the landing or vending thereof be signed by the Officer for that Purpose appointed; upon Pain and Peril that all such Commodities landed, vended, or put on Shore, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall be forfeited and lost, or the full Value thereof, the one Half to be appropriated towards the Use of Public Schools in the several Counties, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

C H A P. XI.

Such Pork, &c. landed without Entry, &c. to be forfeited, or the value.

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

C H A P. XII.

An Act for the Advancement of Justice. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 592. EXP. To be in Force 3 Years. Continued 1727, ch. 5; 1731, ch. 1; and 1735, ch. 18; and with its Supplementary Act of 1730, ch. 10; and Explanatory Act 1732, ch. 6, expired in 1740.

Passed 26th October 1723.

C H A P. XIII.

An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth Major of Prince-George's County, by empowering her, notwithstanding her Coverture, to lease for her Life the Lands therein mentioned. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 595. PR.

Ditto.

C H A P. XIV.

A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, ° An Act declaring the Rights of Three Lots originally laid out in Annapolis, for the Uses therein mentioned. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 596.

Ditto. ° 1718, ch. 8.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to prevent the tumultuous Meetings, and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves. Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 596.

Passed 26th October 1723.

Supplementary, &c. Acts, are 1751, ch. 14; and 1753, ch. 26.

WHEREAS this present Session of Assembly have had under their Consideration, the evil Consequences that do and may attend the suffering of Negro and other Slaves, to meet in great Numbers on Sabbath and other Holy-Days, and keeping of Horses, Cattle or Hogs of their own.

Preamble.

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, 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 the Justices of the several and respective County Courts within this Province, be, and they are hereby empowered and required, immediately after the Publication of this Act, and so yearly in November Court, to appoint the Constable of every Hundred, where the said Justices, at their Discretion, shall think proper and expedient, to suppress the Assembling and tumultuous Meeting of Negroes and other Slaves; and that every Constable so to be appointed, shall be obliged to repair once a Month, to all suspected Places within his Hundred; and if at any such Place he shall find any Negroes or other Slaves, besides the Negroes or other Slaves, belonging to the Owner of such Place, not having a Licence under their Owner or Overseer's Hand, that it shall and may be lawful for the Constable, and he is by this Act required, to whip every such Negro on the bare Back, at his Discretion, not exceeding Thirty-nine Stripes.

County Courts may appoint Constables to suppress the tumultuous Meetings of Slaves.

The Duty and Power of Constables, so appointed,

III. And to the End that every Constable may be enabled to put this Act in due Execution; Be it Enacted, That it may be lawful for the Constable