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XVII.But determi-
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trate,who shall re-
turn a List
thereof to e-
very *Novem-*
ber Court,to be levied
on Execution
by the She-
riff.

III. But in all such Cases, any one Justice of the County Courts, to whom Complaint shall be made, are hereby fully authorized and impowered, upon Complaint made to him against any Person for not appearing, or Owners of Servants, for not sending their Servants on the Highways, when duly warned, to issue his Warrant to the Constable to bring such Persons, or Owners of Servants, before him, and to summons Witnesses, as Need shall require, and upon Appearance before him, fully to hear and determine all such Cases, and as he shall see just and reasonable Cause, either to acquit and discharge such Persons, or fine them according to the Direction of the aforementioned Act of Assembly, to the Uses therein mentioned; and to be levied in Manner as thereby is directed. And every Justice of the Peace, awarding such Fines against any Person as aforesaid, are hereby required to keep a fair Account of all such Fines, and to return a true List thereof to the Justices of the County Courts yearly, at the Time of laying the County Levies, of which Account the said County Courts shall cause their Clerks to give a fair Copy to the Sheriff of the County, in order to collect such Fines and Forfeitures; and on Refusal of Payment thereof, the Sheriff is hereby impowered to levy the same by way of Execution, in the same Manner as the Public and County Levies of this Province have usually been levied and collected, and render an Account thereof to the Justices of the respective County Courts, to be applied to the Uses aforesaid.

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

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed 26th
October 1723.

An ACT for quieting the Possessions of the *Indians* inhabiting on *Nanticoke* and *Choptank* Rivers. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 601.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS the *Indians* inhabiting on *Nanticoke* and *Choptank* Rivers, have complained to this General Assembly, of several Incroachments made into the ancient Bounds and Limits of their Lands heretofore granted them by the Lord Proprietor, and confirmed by several Acts of Assembly of this Province: For Remedy whereof, and to prevent Complaints of like Nature for the future,

The *Nanticoke*
Indians con-
firmed in their
Possession of
the Tract
bounded by
the Act of
1698, *cb. 15*,
so long as
they shall not
totally desert
the same:

But shall not
sell or lease
any Part
thereof.
The like Pos-
session confir-
med to the
Choptank *In-*
dians, of the
Tract survey-
ed, &c. pur-
suant to the
Acts of 1669,
cb. 1; and
1721, *cb. 12*.

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 *Nanticoke* *Indians*, and their Descendants, shall have, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy a free, peaceable and uninterrupted Possession, of all that Tract or Parcel of Land, lying between the North-west Fork of *Nanticoke* River and *Chicucone* Creek, for and during such Space of Time as they, or any of them, shall think fit to use, and shall not wholly and totally desert and quit Claim to the same; according as the same is Butted and Bounded by an Act of Assembly of this Province, made in the Year of our Lord Sixteen Hundred Ninety-eight, entitled, *An Act for ascertaining the Bounds of a certain Tract of Land, to the Use of the Nanticoke Indians, so long as they shall occupy and live upon the same.* And that the said *Indians* shall not at any Time hereafter, sell, dispose of, or lease for Term of Years, any Part or Parcel of the aforesaid Land, to any Person or Persons whatsoever. And that the *Choptank* *Indians*, and their Descendants, so long as they shall occupy or claim, and shall not totally desert the same, shall hold and possess, quietly and peaceably, all that Tract of Land lying in *Dorchester* County, on *Choptank* River, according to the Metes and Bounds thereof, surveyed and returned by the Honourable *Philemon Lloyd*, Esq; Colonel *Richard Tilghman*, and Colonel *Matthew Tilghman Ward*, Commissioners appointed by his Honour the Governor to ascertain and lay out the same, pursuant to an Act of Assembly of this Province, made in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Twenty-one, that Survey being found pursuant and agreeable to the Intent and Design of one Act of Assembly, made