

1725.

II. CHARLES LORD BALTIMORE.

C H A P VI.

Passed 6th Nov. 1725.

An ACT to prevent several Irregularities complained of by the People called Quakers. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 47.

Supplementary, &c. Acts, 1747, ch. 17; and 1752, ch. 14.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is humbly represented to this present General Assembly, by the People called Quakers, That sundry Persons set up Booths, and sell Drink and other Things, near their Yearly Meeting-houses within this Province, whereby those Places which were by them intended and used as Places of solemn Worship, are converted into Places of Traffic, Debauchery and Immorality, to their very great Disturbance in the Exercise of their Religion, and the Worship of GOD. And forasmuch as the several Methods heretofore used for the Suppression of such Irregularities have proved altogether ineffectual: It is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

See the Note below, and the Act therein referred to.

II. And 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 whosoever from and after the Publication hereof, shall presume either to set up a Booth, or sell or dispose of any Liquor, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever, either by Land or Water, within One Mile of the Yearly Meeting-house (of the said People called Quakers) in Talbot County, or within Two Miles of their Yearly Meeting-house near West-River in Ann-Arundel County, during the Time of such Yearly Meetings, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money of Maryland, one Half thereof to be applied to the Use of the Public School of the County where such Offence shall be committed, the other Half to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information; wherein no Es-join, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

One Half to the County School, the other to the Profecutor.

By 1752, ch. 14, no Liquors shall be sold at such Times within 3 Miles of the said Meeting-Houses, on Penalty of 5 l. Currency.

Duty of a Magistrate on Complaint made to him.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That upon Complaint made to any Justice of the Peace for the County where such Offence shall be committed, the said Justice is hereby required immediately to issue his Warrant to cause the said Offender to be brought before him, and upon Proof made to him of the Premises, by the Oath (or Affirmation if a Quaker) of one credible Witness, or Confession of the Party, to commit the said Offender to Prison, until he shall remove such Booth, Liquor, or other Things, from without the Bounds aforesaid, and give sufficient Security to answer for the said Offence at the next Court to be held for the County where it shall be committed.

Ordinary-Keepers may sell in their Dwelling-Houses.

IV. Provided always, That this Act shall not be construed to hinder any Ordinary-Keeper from selling Liquors in their respective Dwelling-houses.

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

See 1752, ch. 14, §. 3.

C H A P VII.

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An Act to confirm an Estate in Fee-simple to such Persons as already have, or hereafter shall purchase, any the Lands lying in the New-Town, commonly called the Addition to the City of Annapolis; or any Land adjoining to the said City of Annapolis, commonly called the Town Pasture or Common; and to invest them with the same Privileges within the City of Annapolis, as other the Freeholders therein now have, or hereafter may enjoy. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 48.

N. B. By this Act (I.) Lots or Parcels of Ground already purchased, or hereafter to be purchased from the respective Proprietors, either in the Addition to the City of Annapolis, or the Town Pasture, shall be carefully surveyed, numbered in the usual Manner, and returned into the