

C H A P. II.

Passed 8th
August 1732.

An Act for the Relief of Anne Osburn, of St. Mary's County. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 39. PR.

^a Viz. 6000^{lb}. Tobacco given her in the County Levy, for a Negro (sent by her to work on the Highway, on Summons of the Overseer), who was killed by the Fall of a Tree.

C H A P. III.

Ditto.

An Act to prohibit raising of Swine, Sheep and Geese, in the Town of Chester in Kent County. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 40.

By this Act, (1.) No Inhabitants of Chester-Town, on any Pretence whatsoever, shall keep any Swine, Sheep or Geese, belonging to themselves or others, unless within their own Inclosures: (2.) Persons transgressing this Act, shall pay 100^{lb} Tobacco for each Transgression; to be levied by Way of Execution, as in case of small Debts, and applied to the Use of the Free-School of Kent County.

C H A P. IV.

Passed 24th
July 1732.

An Act for preventing Bribery and Corruption in the Elections of Citizens or Delegates, to serve in Assembly for the City of Annapolis. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 40. DISSENT.

His Lordship's Dissent bears Date the 23^d Jan. 1732; and is recorded Lib. P. L. N^o 8. fol. 126.

C H A P. V.

Passed 31st
July 1732.

An ACT for ascertaining the Form of the Oath of Judge or Justice. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 41.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Oath of Judge or Justice (appointed to be taken by the Statute of the Eighteenth of Edward the Third) does not, in many Particulars, provide for the Constitution of this Province;

The following Oath of Office to be taken by all Judges, &c.

II. Be it therefore 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 at some convenient Time, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, and before the last Day of November next, the following Oath shall be taken, as the proper Oath of Office, by the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgment and other Proceedings at Law, the Justices of the Provincial and County Courts, and the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, for the Time being, changing only what is to be changed, according to the different Stations of such Magistrates, viz.

Oath of a Judge or Justice:

" You shall Swear, That as a Justice of the Provincial Court of Maryland, in all Articles of his Lordship's Commission to you directed, you shall do equal Law and Right to all the King's Subjects, Rich and Poor, according to the Laws, Customs, and Directions of the Acts of Assembly of this Province, so far forth as they provide; and where they are silent, according to the Laws, Statutes, and reasonable Customs of England, as used and practised within this Province; and not delay any Person of common Right, for any Cause or Pretence whatsoever. And in case any Letters, or other Commandments, shall come to you, contrary to Law, that you do nothing by them, but cause them to be entered on Record, and certify the King, the Lord Proprietary, or the Governor (for the Time being) of them, and proceed to execute the Law, notwithstanding the same Letters or Commandments. That you shall hold your Courts according to the Acts of Assembly, and the Directions in your Commission. That you shall do and procure the Profit of the Lord Proprietary, in all Things where you may lawfully and reasonably do the same. And that you shall not debar or hinder the Prosecution of Justice, nor take any Gift, Bribe or Fee, for delaying or rendering Judgment; but shall behave yourself Justly, Honestly and Faithfully, to the best of your Knowledge and Understanding, so long as you shall continue in the said Office. So help you GOD."

III. And be it likewise Enacted, That the same Oath shall be taken by the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgments and other Proceedings at Common Law, the Justices of the Provincial and County