

III. Provided always, That such Tobacco-House, or other Out-Houses, shall be well Boarded, or otherwise substantially Built, and the Door or Doors thereof Secured with a Lock or Locks, or Bolted in the Inside, or Nailed.

C H A P. II. Such Houses being well secured.

IV. And be it likewise Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent afore said, That any Person or Persons, who, after the said Tenth Day of September, shall Steal any Ship, Sloop, or other Vessel whatsoever, out of any Place within the Body of any County within this Province, of Seventeen Feet, or upwards, by the Keel, and shall carry the same Ten Miles, or upwards, from the Place whence it shall be Stolen; or who shall Steal any Negro, or other Slave; or who shall counsel, hire, aid, abet, or command, any Person or Persons to commit the said Offences; or who shall be Accessaries to the said Offences, and shall be thereof legally Convicted, as afore said, or Out-lawed; or who shall obstinately, or of Malice, stand Mute, or peremptorily Challenge above Twenty, shall suffer Death as a Felon or Felons, and be excluded the Benefit of Clergy.

Penalty on Persons Stealing Boats, &c. upwards of 17 Feet Keel; or Stealing Negroes.

V. Provided always, That when and as often as any Slave or Slaves shall be Convict for any Offence, contrary to this or any other Law, and shall be actually Executed, or who shall Die after Condemnation, and under Confinement in order for Execution, that the Owner shall be paid the full Value of such Slave or Slaves; such Value to be adjudged by the Court before whom the Fact shall be Tried, at the Time of the Condemnation of such Slave or Slaves.

The full Value of Slaves actually executed, or dying under Sentence, to be paid to the Owner.

VI. And be it further Enacted, That the Treasurer or Treasurers of this Province, for the Time being, upon a Certificate from the Sheriff, of the Execution of any such Slave or Slaves, or the Death of such Slave or Slaves after Conviction, and under Confinement in order for Execution, immediately shall pay the Owner or Owners of such Slave or Slaves, what such Slave shall be valued at, as afore said, out of the Public Stock of this Province, in the Hands of such Treasurer or Treasurers, without Fee or Reward.

The Treasurer to pay such Value, on Certificate of the Sheriff.

VII. This Act to continue Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

Duration.

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

Farther continued by 1740, ch. 6; 1744, ch. 17; 1747, ch. 14; 1751, ch. 2; 1754, ch. 4; 1757, ch. 24; and 1762, ch. 5.

C H A P. III.

An Act for Docking the entail of a Tract of Land called Wilson's Grove, in the County of Ann-Arundel, and vesting the same in Lewis Duvall in Fee-simple; and for settling other Lands and Tenements to the same Uses. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 171. PR.

Passed 28th May 1737.

C H A P. IV.

An Act for securing the Rights and Inheritances of sundry Persons, to the Lots by them taken up, paid for, and built upon, in Leonard-Town, in St. Mary's County. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 173.

Ditto.

N. B. The Proceedings of the Commissioners (by the Act of 1728, ch. 16,) through Negligence of their Clerk, having been very lately entered upon the County Records, this Act provides, that the Proceedings so Recorded shall be deemed good and valid; and the several Persons who did conform to the Directions of that Act, during it's Continuance, shall have an Estate of Inheritance in the several Lots by them taken up, paid for, and built on, as fully and effectually as if the same Proceedings had been entered and recorded among the County Records, within the Seven Years mentioned in that Act.

C H A P. V.

An Act empowering the Justices of Cæcil County Court to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of St. Stephen's, North-Sassafras Parish, the Sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Pounds Current Money of Maryland, at Two equal Assessments. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 173.

Ditto.

C H A P. VI.

An Act to empower the Justices of St. Mary's County Court, to purchase Land whereon to build a Prison. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 174.

Ditto.