

At a Session of ASSEMBLY begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the 1st Day of *May*, in the 29th Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable CHARLES, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, &c. and ended the 4th Day of *June* following, in the 30th Year of his Lordship's Dominion, *Annoq; Domini* 1744: The following Laws were Enacted.

THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

Passed 4<sup>th</sup>  
June 1744.

An ACT to encourage the destroying Bears in *Worcester* County.  
*Lib. B.L.C. fol. 283.*

100<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco to be allowed for the Head of every Bear killed in *Worcester* County.

The Ears and Tongue to be cut before granting Certificate.

**F**ORASMUCH as it is represented to this General Assembly, by the Inhabitants of *Worcester* County, that the said County is much infested with Bears; **Be it 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 every Person who shall bring to any Justice of the Peace of *Worcester* County, the Head of a Bear that was Killed in the said County, shall be allowed in the Levy of the said County One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco; which said Sum of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for each Bear that shall be so Killed, the Justices of the said County are hereby required and impowered to levy upon the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, to be paid in the same Manner as the Public and County Levies now are. And to prevent a double Allowance for one Bear, the Justice before whom such Bear's Head shall be brought, is hereby required to cause the Ears thereof to be cut off, and it's Tongue to be cut out, and to give a Certificate thereof to the Party producing the said Head.

Oath to be made that the Bear was killed in the County, &c.

**II. Provided always**, That it shall not be lawful for any of the Justices of the County aforesaid, to give any Certificate for any Bear's Head (other than what shall be Killed by an *Indian*) before the Party producing the same shall make Oath (or Affirmation, if a *Quaker*) That the Bear, for which the Certificate is desired, was Killed in the County aforesaid, after the making this Act: Nor to give a Certificate for the Head of any Bear Killed by an *Indian*, unless the said Head be brought to him whole and entire, and that it appear to be green and fresh Killed; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

C H A P. II.

Passed 4<sup>th</sup>  
June 1744.

An Act for making a Chapel already erected in Prince George's Parish, in Prince George's County, a Chapel of Ease. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 283.*

*N. B.* By this Act the said Chapel is constituted, &c. a Chapel of Ease to the said Parish, and all Tobacco or Money hereafter to be levied, on Application of the Vestry to the County Court, &c. shall be as well, for the Repairing of the said Chapel, as the Parish Church, &c.

C H A P. III.

Ditto.

An Act for dividing St. Stephen's, alias North-Sassafras Parish, in Cecil County. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 284.*

By this Act, (1.) From the End of this Session, all that Part of St. Stephen's, alias North-Sassafras Parish, in Cecil County, lying within the following Bounds, *viz.* Beginning at a certain Place called *Town-Point*, situated between *Elk* and *Bohemia* Rivers, and from thence to run up *Bohemia* River to *Middle-Neck* Point; from thence up *Augustine-Creek*, alias *Little Bohemia*, to *Campbell's Branch*, including all *Middle-Neck*, and the Plantation of *Charles Scott*, and to the Cross Paths; and from the Cross Paths by a Line drawn East to the exterior Bounds of the old Parish;