C H A P. XVI.

An Act continuing an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, 'A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Puniſhment of Negroes, and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meeting, and other Irregularities of Negroes, and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of Trying Slaves. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 412. EXP.

' 1737, *ch.* 7, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XVII.

Ditto. An ACT to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniencies attending the Sale of Strong Liquors, and Running of Horſe-Races near the Yearly Meetings of the People called Quakers; and to prevent the tumultuous Concourſe of Negroes, and other Slaves, during the ſaid Meetings. *Lib.* B.L.C. *fol.* 412.

Preamble. WHEREAS the People called Quakers, have by their Petition to this preſent General Aſſembly, ſet forth, and complained, That (notwithſtanding the former Indulgence of the Legiſlature in reſtraining Booths, and other Places for ſelling Liquor, from being ſet up, or kept within Two Miles of their Meeting-houſe at *Weſt-River*, and One Mile of their Meeting-houſe at *Third-Haven* Creek, in *Talbot* County, which Favour they moſt gratefully acknowledge,) they, as well as thoſe of other Perſuaſions who reſort to their Yearly Meetings, labour under and ſuffer many Inconveniencies from the great Concourſe of idle and profligate White People, and great Crowds of Negroes, that aſſemble together at the uſual Times of their Yearly Meetings, held at their ſaid Meeting-houſes, drinking to Exceſs, and behaving in a riotous and turbulent Manner, at Booths, and other Places where Strong and Spirituous Liquor can be had, at greater Diſtances than before mentioned; and that they have for ſome Years laſt paſt, been greatly incommoded and endangered in paſſing and repaſſing to and from their ſaid Meeting-houſe, in *Talbot* County, by Multitudes of rude and diſorderly People, that gather together to Run Horſe-Races on the Road between the ſaid Meeting-houſe at *Third-Haven* Creek, and a Place near thereto, called *New-Market*: For Prevention of which Evils for the future, they have prayed that it may be Enacted——

N. B. By the Act of 1752, *ch.* 14, §. 4, (for amending and explaining the preſent Act) ſo much of this Act as prohibits the Setting up and Erecting any Booth or Conveniency; or ſelling or diſpoſing of any Strong or Spirituous Liquors, or other Accommodations; or giving any Entertainment to any Perſons, at a Diſtance leſs than Three Miles, (*viz.* §. II, III, IV, V, VI, and IX,) is Repealed. The aforeſaid Sections are therefore omitted. But the Penalties in this Act are to be applied according to the Directions in §. II, *viz.* " One Half to the Informer, or " him or them who will ſue for the ſame, the other Half to the Uſe of the County-School where " ſuch Offence ſhall be committed; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Pro- " vince, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; wherein no Eſſoin, Protection, or " Wager of Law ſhall be allowed."

Penalty on Horſe Racing within Five Miles of the Quakers yearly Meetings. VII. And be it further Enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, ſhall hereafter Run or Pace any Race or Races, with any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, for any Wager or Wagers, for Diverſion, or on any Pretence whatſoever, on the Ground commonly called *New-Market*, in *Talbot* County, or within the Diſtance of Five Miles from the Meeting-houſe in the ſaid County, or within Five Miles of the Meeting-houſe on *Weſt-River*, in *Anne-Arundel* County, on the Days on which the ſaid Meetings, or either of them, ſhall be kept and held, under the Penalty of the Owner or Owners of ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, who ſhall ſo Run or Pace his Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, or knowingly ſuffer them to be Run or Paced, forfeiting and paying for every ſuch Race Five Pounds Current Money, to be recovered and applied as aforeſaid. And the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall preſume to make any Horſe-Race, lay any Wager on ſuch Race, or Run for his or their Diverſion, or who ſhall

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