

VII. And for prevention of any Damage by Fire in the said Town; **Be it Enacted,** That any Inhabitant therein, who shall after the First Day of *December* next ensuing, permit his, her, or their Chimney to take Fire, so as to Blaze out at the Top, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings Current Money for every such Offence; and any Person having a House in the said Town with a Chimney, and in Use, who shall not after the said First Day of *December*, keep a Ladder high enough to extend to the Top of the Roof of such House, shall also forfeit and pay Ten Shillings Current Money; which said Fines shall be recovered by, and in the Name of, the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, before a single Magistrate, as in the case of small Debts; and when recovered, shall be appropriated by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, to some Building or Improvement in the said Town, such as to the Repair of the Bridge, or making and repairing a Public Wharf; and that their Clerk keep an exact Account of all Fines arising by this Act, and how the same shall have been disposed of.

C H A P. XXI.

Penalty for suffering Chimneys to take Fire; or not keeping Ladders of a sufficient Length. Fines, how to be recovered, and applied.

VIII. **Provided nevertheless,** That this Act, nor any Thing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to enable or capacitate the said Commissioners or Inhabitants of the said Town, to elect or choose Delegates or Burgesses to set in the General Assembly of this Province as Representatives of the said Town: **But it is hereby Enacted,** That the Commissioners, or the Inhabitants of the said Town, shall not elect or choose any Delegate or Delegates, Burgesses or Burgesses, to represent the said Town in any General Assembly of this Province.

This Act shall not enable the Town to send Delegates to the Assembly.

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

C H A P. XXII.

*An Act for repairing and amending the Public and County Goal, in the City of Annapolis. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 422.* Passed 11th July 1747.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to prevent Evils arising from the entering up Judgments upon Bonds, commonly called Judgment Bonds; to direct the Manner of issuing Executions on Loan-Office Bonds, and to regulate certain Fees therein mentioned. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 422.* Ditto.

**W**HEREAS it has been the Practice to take Bonds, with Power contained in the Condition of such Bonds upon Non-Payment, to any Attorneys practising in any Court of Record within the Dominion of *Great-Britain*, to confess Judgment, and thereupon, without any previous Process, Judgments have not only been confessed in the Provincial and County Courts of this Province, but also out of Courts, before a single Magistrate, and Executions have issued thereon, to the great Damage of many People, who, in case *Capias* had issued, and they had Time to plead to such Bonds, many good Reasons might have been pleaded against the same; For prevention of which Evils for the future, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted;

Preamble.

II. **And 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 from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall not be lawful for any Attorney practising now, or who shall hereafter Practice the Law in any Court of Record within this Province; or any other Person whatever, to confess a Judgment either in Court, or before one or more Justices of such Court or Courts out of Court, for any Sum or Sums of Money, or Tobacco, or other Matter, by virtue of any Power or Powers of Attorney, either separate or contained in any such Bonds, commonly called Judgment-Bonds, which shall be taken or executed after the End of this Session of Assembly; nor shall it be lawful

No Judgment to be confessed, or given, by virtue of any Power of Attorney either separate or contained in any Judgment Bond.