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XXV.

“ of the Marks of such Beasts, both Natural and Artificial, which the Persons aggrieved shall set up in the most Public Places in the same County; and until the Owner shall be known, it shall and may be lawful for such injured Person to use and employ such Horses, Mares and Geldings, without incurring the Penalties in this Act herein after imposed, not injuring such Beast by any careless or wilful Means; which Beast shall be delivered in good Order to the Person owning the same, proving his Property by the Testimony of one Witness, before any Magistrate,” which Method, by Experience, is found inconvenient to the Owner or Owners of such Horses, Mares, or Geldings, they being very often kept for a considerable Time in the Possession of the Party by whom such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, are taken up, before the same comes to the Knowledge of the Owner of such Horse, Mare, or Gelding: For Prevention whereof;

Persons taking up trespassing Horses, &c. shall set up Notes thereof, &c. according to the original Act, &c.

and also publish the same in the Maryland Gazette, in 6 Months,

at the Expence of the Owner.

II. 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, the Party grieved, who shall take up such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, trespassing as aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby obliged and directed to set up such Account, so taken by the Magistrate as aforesaid, describing the Marks of such Beasts, both natural and artificial, at the Court-house Door, and other Public Places in the County where such Horse, Mare, or Gelding shall be taken up, within five Days after such Account taken; and moreover cause the Marks natural and artificial of such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, to be recorded amongst the Records of such County Court, within five Days after such Account shall be taken, and cause the same to be published in the MARYLAND GAZETTE in Six Months after such Account shall be taken; and the Expences arising thereon, shall be paid by the Owner or Owners of such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, at the Time of his receiving any such Horse, Mare, or Gelding; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

III. And be it also Enacted, That if any Person within this Province, shall now have in his or her Possession, any such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, so taken up as aforesaid, he or she shall be, and is hereby obliged and directed, within Sixty Days after the End of this Session of Assembly, to set up an Account of such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, taken by some Magistrate as aforesaid, describing the Marks both natural and artificial of such Beasts, and the same to Publish, Record, and Advertise, in the same Manner that any Person is obliged by this Act to do, in relation to any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, which shall be taken up after the End of this Session; any Thing in the aforesaid recited Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Penalty for acting contrary to this Law.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That any Person that shall take up such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, and that shall act contrary to the Directions of this Act, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Thirty Pounds Current Money, one Half to the Informer, the other Half to the Party grieved; to be recovered in any County Court of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparance shall be allowed.

Duration.

V. This Act to continue Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of Three Years.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
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Farther continued by 1753, *ch.* 7; 1757, *ch.* 5; 1760, *ch.* 13; and 1763, *ch.* 11.

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Passed 2^d
June 1750.

An Act for the Sale of certain Lands and Houses belonging to the Free-School in the City of Annapolis, called King William's School. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 508.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) The Rector and Visitors of the said School, or major Part of them, are empowered to sell a Parcel of Land in Dorchester County, called *Surveyor's Forest*, containing