

C H A P.  
VII.

*An Act to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, destroying of Tobacco and Tobacco Houses, and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals guilty of the said Offences, by Experience has been found useful and beneficial, is near Expiring: Therefore for continuing the same;*

The said Act  
hereby made  
Perpetual.

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 the said recited Act, and every Article, Clause and Thing therein contained, shall be in full Force, and is hereby made Perpetual.

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

C H A P. VIII.

Passed 8<sup>th</sup>  
June 1751.

*An Act continuing an Act, entitled, <sup>a</sup> An Act to enable the several and respective County Clerks within this Province, to Remove some of the County Records and Papers from the Public Offices. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 531. EXP.*

<sup>a</sup> 1748, ch. 7, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. IX.

Ditto.

*An Act to enable the Justices of Charles County, to assess and levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of that Part of the late Reverend Mr. Donaldson's Parish, which lies in the said County, <sup>c</sup> Fifty-five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; and for other Purposes therein mentioned. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 531.*

<sup>c</sup> For Building a Parish Church and Chapel of Ease for Trinity Parish. A Supplementary Act 1752, ch. 6.

C H A P. X.

Ditto.

*An Act continuing an Act, entitled, <sup>e</sup> A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors imported; and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the Importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 533. EXP.*

<sup>e</sup> 1735, ch. 6, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XI.

Ditto.

**An ACT** to make the Testimony of Convicted Persons, Legal against Convicted Persons. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 534.*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, Murders, Burglaries, and other Felonies and Offences, have been so frequent of late, that the Lives and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province, are become precarious; which Offences have been generally committed by the Convicts imported into this Province, and such as they Seduce to join with them in their wicked Practices; and which Crimes the said Convicts are encouraged to perpetrate, because they know that they are disabled from being Witnesses against each other, as the Law now stands: For Remedy whereof;

The Testimo-  
ny of import-  
ed Convicts  
shall be al-  
lowed against  
other such  
Convicts in  
Criminal Pro-  
secutions.

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 in all Criminal Prosecutions which shall happen, or be, after the End of this present Session, against any Convict or Convicts imported into this Province as such, or their Confederates or Accomplices being such Convicts imported, the Testimony or Evidence, upon Oath, of any other Convict or Convicts imported as such, or of any of the Confederates or Accomplices, being Convicts, in the same Crime, committed within this Province, shall be received and allowed as if he, she, or they was, or were not under any Conviction or Disability; such Conviction or Disability notwithstanding.

False Swear-  
ing punisha-  
ble as Per-  
jury.

III. **Provided** also, That any Convict imported as such, who shall be Sworn as a Witness in any such Case, and who shall Swear falsely, and shall be thereof convicted by due Course of Law, shall suffer as a Person convict of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

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