

C H A P. XI.

An Act for the Relief of Thomas Barkley, a languishing Prisoner in Kent County Goal. Lib. H.S. fol. 19. PR. Passed 17th Nov. 1753.

C H A P. XII.

A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, 'An Act to enable the Justices of Charles County, to levy a Sum of Tobacco on the Taxable Inhabitants of Port-Tobacco Parish, in the said County, for the Purposes therein mentioned. Lib. H.S. fol. 22. Ditto.

1751, ch. 12. The Intent of this Act was to oblige the Sheriff to pay a Sum of Tobacco collected by him, and drawn for by a Majority of the Vestry in favour of William Waite, the Undertaker of the Building of the Parish Church, which the said Sheriff refused to pay as not being signed by the Church-wardens, &c.

C H A P. XIII.

An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before one Justice of the Peace. Lib. H.S. fol. 24. Ditto.

To continue in Force 3 Years, &c. Further continued by 1757, ch. 11, and 1760, ch. 10. A new Law made 1763, ch. 20.

C H A P. XIV.

An Act to empower the several Courts within this Province, to order Commissions for the Examination of Witnesses residing beyond Sea; and for the more easy Foreclosure of Mortgages. Lib. H.S. fol. 25. EXP. Ditto.

To remain in Force 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XV.

An Act empowering the Incumbent and Vestry-men of St. Michael's Parish, in Talbot County, and James Tilghman of the said County, and Anne his Wife, to make an Exchange of certain Lands therein mentioned. Lib. H.S. fol. 28. PR. Ditto.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT for Repairing the Public Roads in this Province. Lib. H.S. fol. 30. Ditto.

A Supplementary Act 1756, ch. 12.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, That the erecting and making Mill-Dams on Branches, where formerly the main or public Roads passed, and the Narrowness of such Dams, and the Flood-Gates to the same, have been a great Obstruction and Hindrance to Carriage and Travelling on the public Roads: For Remedy whereof, it is 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 where any Person or Persons have Built, or shall Build, a Mill or Mills, on any Branch or Run, where any public or main Road crossed, or shall cross, and have erected, or shall erect, any Dam for such Mill or Mills, such Person or Persons, or the Owner, Possessor, or Occupier of such Mill or Mills, shall, and they are hereby obliged to make the Top of the said Dam Twelve Feet Wide at the least, and make good and sufficient Bridges over the Waste and Race of the said Mills and Dams, and the same keep in good Repair: And where any Mill, hereafter to be erected, shall obstruct any public Road, and it shall be thought convenient by the Justices of the said County Court, where such Mill is so erected, that the said public Road shall pass below the Dam of the said Mill, or where such public Road now passes below the Dam of any such Mill or Mills, that then, and in every such case, the Owner or Owners, Possessor, or Occupier of such Mill or Mills, shall, and they are hereby required, to raise and make a good and sufficient Causeway a-cross the Branch on which the said Mill is built, Twelve Feet Wide, and make a good and substantial Bridge over the Tail of the said Mill, and the same keep in good Repair; and if the Owner or Owners, Possessor or Occupier, of any such Mill or Mills, shall refuse or neglect to do what is by this Act required, and shall be thereof

Owners of Mills built where the Main Road crosses the Branch, shall make the Top of their Dams 12 Feet Wide, and make good Bridges over the Waste and Race, and keep the same in Repair. Where the Road passes below the Dam, they shall make a Causeway a-cross the Branch 12 Feet Wide, and a good Bridge over the Mill Tail, and keep the same in Repair.