

COUNTY COURTS.

Children of White Women; and appropriate the Produce to the County Charge. 1715, *ch.* 44, §. 26, 27, 28. See *Negroes*, 3—6.

26. County Courts are required, yearly, in *November* Court, to appoint the Constable of every Hundred, where they think expedient, to suppress the tumultuous assembling of Slaves. 1723, *ch.* 15, §. 2. And shall allow 500^{lb} Tobacco, in the County Levy, to every Constable so appointed. *Ibid.* §. 4.

27. Slaves, committing any Felony, punishable by Death, may be tried at the next County Court, which is empowered, on Confession or Conviction of the Offender; on the Testimony of One legal Witness, (or even of other Slaves, corroborated with such pregnant Circumstances as shall satisfy the Jury of the Guilt of such Slaves,) to give Judgment. But Slaves, produced as Witnesses on such Occasions, shall be admonished by the Court to declare the Truth, &c. and acquainted with the Danger of false Swearing, &c. 1751, *ch.* 14, §. 4, 6.

28. The Court may immediately punish Slaves guilty of Rambling, Riding, or going Abroad by Night, or Riding Horses by Day, without Leave, or Running away, by Whipping, Cropping, Branding, or otherwise, not extending to Life, or rendering such Slave unfit for Labour. *Ibid.* §. 8.

29. County Courts shall, yearly, between the 29th *September* and 25th *December*, appoint Two honest and substantial Men of their County to be Preceptors for the Year ensuing. And, on Neglect of such Appointment, (by Precept from their Court, signed by their Clerk) each Justice shall forfeit 500^{lb} Tobacco, for Support of Government. 1715, *ch.* 43, §. 11, 13.

30. The Provincial and County Courts are empowered to hear and determine any Complaints between Masters and Servants, by Way of Petition; and give Judgment and award Execution thereon. And no such Judgment shall be reversed, on Appeal or Writ of Error, for want of Process, Jury, Form, &c. unless it appear by the Record that the Defendant was not summoned, or not heard. And all other Disputes between Masters and Servants, relating to Indentures, Contracts, Wages, &c. are determinable by Petition, as aforesaid. 1715, *ch.* 44, §. 31, 32. See *Servants*, 2, 6, 9, 12, 15, 25.

31. An Appeal lies from the Determination of a single Magistrate, to the next County Court, where the Sum shall exceed 33*s.* 4*d.* or 400^{lb} Tobacco; which Court, on Petition of the Appellant, shall hear both Parties in a summary Way, and determine thereon according to Equity, &c. See *Small Debts*, 7; 8.

32. County Courts are vested with the like Power of receiving special Bail as the Provincial Court, and shall act therein according to the same Rules. 1715, *ch.* 28, §. 7. See *Special Bail*, 8—10.

33. County Courts shall hear and determine, in a summary Way, all Complaints against Inspectors; and, if such Inspectors be found deficient in their Duty, may remove them; and, with all convenient Speed, notify such Removal to the Governor, &c. Provided such Inspector be summoned to appear, &c. And, if he will not appear, his Non-Appearance shall be taken for Confession, unless reasonable Excuse be given. 1763, *ch.* 18, §. 56.

34. Transfer Tobaccos are to be sold the Second Day of *November* Court, yearly; and old Tobaccos, which have been inspected above Three Years, are to be sold the Third Day of the same Court. And Inspectors, One Day before laying the Levy, the same Court, shall Account with the Justices upon Oath, &c. For all which, see *Inspectors*, 38—44.

35. For the Power and Duty of County Courts with respect to Public Warehouses, see *Warehouses*, 2, 5, 7—11.

36. For their Power and Duty with respect to Administrators, Executors, Guardians and Orphans, see

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Administrators, 12, 21, 23—26. *Guardians*, per Tot. *Orphans*, per Tot.

See also *Appearance*, 1. *Attorneys*, 9. *Boundaries*, 4. *Church-Lands*, 2—4. *Commissary-General*, 4, 6, 7. *Criminal Fees*, 4. *Dissenters*, 1. *Execution*, 11. *Fornication*, 1, 5, 6. *Harbourers of Servants and Slaves*, 1, 3, 5. *Intestates Estates*, 2. *Levies*, per Tot. *Magistrates*, 1, 2, 4. *Printer to the Province*, 3. *Process Criminal*, per Tot. *Rangers*, 1, 3. *Records*, 3, 7, 10. *Runaways*, 3—6, 9. *Sheriffs*, 25, 26. *Speedy Recovery*, 1. *Squirrels*, per Tot. *Suits at Law*, 1—4. *Surveyors*, 1. *Standard*, 1, 2. *Witnesses*, 4. *Wolves*, 1.

COUNTY SCHOOLS. See *Schools*, 15—40.

COURT-HOUSES.

1. For the fundamental Rights of the several Counties to their Court-House Lands, see the Act empowering the Justices to purchase Lands for the Use of their respective Court-Houses. 1697, *ch.* 5.

2. Purchases of Lands, made according to the Act of 1697, *ch.* 5, and recorded in the several County Courts to which they properly belong, shall be a perpetual Bar against the Persons from whom purchased, and against all Claimants under them. 1704, *ch.* 76, §. 1, 2.

3. The Lot whereon *Dorchester* County Court-House now stands, and the Tenement thereon, shall remain to the Use of that County for ever. *Ibid.* §. 3.

4. *Kent* County Court-House to be built. 1696, *ch.* 8.—To be enlarged. 1750, *ch.* 6.

5. *Talbot* County Court-House, —Act for building a new one. 1710, *ch.* 5.—The old one to be sold. 1710, *ch.* 9.

6. *St. Mary's* County Court-House to be continued at *Scymour-Town*, otherwise called *Sheppard's Old-Fields*. 1710, *ch.* 6.—To be re-built of Brick, at the same Place, now called *Leonard's-Town*. 1736, *ch.* 14.

7. *Queen-Anne's* County Court to be continued where the Court-House now stands. 1710, *ch.* 7.

8. *Prince-George's* County Court-House removed from *Charles-Town* to *Upper-Marlborough*. 1718, *ch.* 13.—A County Levy for repairing and finishing the same. 1748, *ch.* 22.—The Justices empowered to treat with Mrs. *Darnall*, for her Claim of Dower to the Lands on which the Court-House is built. 1751, *ch.* 22.

9. *Baltimore* County Court-House and Prison, at *Joppa*, secured to the County. 1724, *ch.* 16.—A County Levy for repairing and finishing the Court-House. 1749, *ch.* 4.

10. *Calvert* County Court-House removed from *Battle-Creek*, and fixed at the Place called *William's Old-Fields*. 1725, *ch.* 11.—An Act for finishing the same, and for the Relief of the Builders; and the Place to be called by the Name of *Prince-Frederick Town*. 1728, *ch.* 17.—To be re-built. 1748, *ch.* 18; and 1749, *ch.* 5.

11. *Charles* County Court-House to be erected at *Chandler-Town*, and the old Court-House and Prison to be sold. 1727, *ch.* 11.

12. *Somerset* County Court-House to be built at *Princess-Anne Town*, and the old Court-House and Prison to be sold. 1742, *ch.* 19.

13. *Worcester* County Court-House to be built at *Snow-Hill Town*. *Ibid.*

14. *Frederick* County Court-House to be built at *Frederick-Town*. 1748, *ch.* 15. The Court-House to be finished. 1753, *ch.* 31.

15. Persons convict of wilfully burning any Court-House, wherein any Records are actually or usually kept, shall have Judgment to suffer Death, in the same Manner, as if convict of maliciously and wilfully burning a Mansion-House. 1720, *ch.* 25.

16. County Courts shall not levy above 10,000^{lb} Tobacco, at any One Time, for the compleat Repairing