

## NOVEMBER, 1766.—CHAPTER 10.

\* 1704, ch. 16. AN ACT to repeal part of an act, entitled, \*An act for the encouragement of such persons as shall undertake to build water mills.

Part of an act repealed *Be it enacted, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of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 act, entitled, An act for the encouragement of such persons as will undertake to build water mills, and every clause, matter and thing, therein contained, shall be and do stand hereby repealed, except the last enacting clause therein that followeth the recital, 'for prevention of the abuse frequently committed by persons keeping water mills, by taking excessive toll,' together with the said recital; which said recital and enacting clause, it is hereby declared, shall stand in full force and virtue.

Proviso. SEC. 2. *Provided always,* That such person and persons as hath or have, before the first day of this present session of assembly, taken out, obtained or prosecuted, any writ or writs of *ad quod damnum*, under or by virtue of the said recited act, shall have the same benefit and advantage under and by virtue of the said recited act as if this act were or had not been made, any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

## CHAPTER 14.

\* 1715, ch. 47. AN Additional Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, \*An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers.

See 1715, ch. 47, and the notes thereunder, where all the acts of assembly regulating the mode of executing and acknowledging deeds are reviewed.

Preamble. WHEREAS, the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, in ascertaining a way and method for conveying of manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, extends to and regards only such conveyances as operate by way of bargain and sale; and the good ends and purposes of the said act are now in great measure eluded by the frequent use of conveyances by feoffment, lease and release, confirmation, release, limitation and declaration of uses, and other modes of conveying: And whereas a general registry of all deeds and conveyances of land, would very much tend to the security of creditors and purchasers, the preservation of titles, and thereby to the advancement of the value of real estates, and particularly to prevent abuses and deceits by mortgages, and the purchase of pretended titles;

No estate, &c. to pass, &c. SEC. 2. *Be it therefore 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 after the first day of