

river, in any river, creek or harbour, within this province, and cast into the bay above Cedar point aforesaid, or into any river, creek or harbour, below high water mark, that the master, or other person having the charge or command of such ship or vessel, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds current money, one half thereof to the lord proprietary, for the support of government, the other half to him or them who will sue for the same, to be recovered in any court of record within this province, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection, or wager of law to be allowed.

By 1774, ch. 18, in all actions, &c. under this act, special bail may be awarded, on affidavit being made, and full costs to the plaintiff or informer on judgment.

Wears, &c.
not to be
built, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That no person whatsoever shall presume to build any wear or hedge cross any river, creek or branch, below any public landing place, so as to prejudice or dam up the channel, or to obstruct the passage of boats, on pain of forfeiting ten pounds current money of Maryland, to be recovered in the proper county court by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection, or wager of law shall be allowed.

SEC. 4. Rendered inoperative by the naval officers being under the control of the federal government.

SEC. 5. Repeals an act which does not appear in the statute book. Made perpetual by 1747, ch. 13.

APRIL, 1737.—CHAPTER 2.

AN ACT for the more Effectual Punishment of Certain Offenders, and for taking from them the benefit of clergy.

This law is merged in 1809, ch. 138.

SEPTEMBER, 1742.—CHAPTER 10.

*1716, ch. 1. A SUPPLEMENTARY ACT to the act, entitled, * An act for the repairing the damages already sustained in the records of the land, secretary's, commissary's and county court offices, and for security of the same records for the future.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of this province have been at great expense and charge in repairing, amending and completing, the records of the land, secretary's, chancery, commissary's and county court offices, and that on the well and safe keeping of which records, and such as hereafter shall be entered and made, greatly depend the fortunes, interest, and estates of the people of this province: And whereas it is not only necessary and requisite that the books for entering and recording in should be good and well bound, but that likewise true and legal entries and records be entered and made by the several and respective officers and clerks holding the said offices, their servants, clerks or under-writers: And whereas so great a part