

threats, menaces, or other sinister means, shall cause or excite any person or persons to cut up or destroy any tobacco or tobacco plants belonging to any other person or persons, and shall be thereof convicted by due course of law, shall forfeit and pay unto the party grieved one hundred pounds sterling, and suffer six months imprisonment, without bail or mainprise, and shall also remain in prison, as in execution, until the said sum be satisfied, in case the offender be of sufficient ability to pay the same, and if the offender shall not be of sufficient ability, then and in every such case the offender shall remain and continue in prison for the space of one whole year, without bail or mainprise; *provided also*, that the party grieved shall and may have and maintain his or her action of trespass, or other proper action at law, for recovery of damages against the offender, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

See 1819, ch. 88, by which stealing of them is made felony.

And for
burning to-
bacco, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That any person or persons who shall after the end of this session of assembly, wilfully burn any tobacco belonging to any other person, whether hanging or in bulk, or packed, or any tobacco-house or houses, having therein any tobacco hanging or in bulk, or packed, and be thereof convicted by due course of law, and every aider and abettor of such offender, shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

Modified by 1809, ch. 138. Made perpetual, 1751, ch. 7.

CHAPTER 20.

AN ACT for punishment of Horse Stealers, and other offenders.

All the offences embraced in this act are punished by 1809, ch. 138.

AUGUST, 1745.—CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT for the guage of barrels for Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and tare of barrels for Flour or Bread.

The various inspection laws have superseded this.

MAY, 1747.—CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT to remedy some proceedings in the court of Charles county, and to prevent the removal of the Records from the public offices.

The nine first sections of this act having ceased to have any operation are omitted.

Books not
to be re-
moved, &c.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted by and with the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That for the future no clerk or register within this province, (except parish registers,) shall at any time hereafter, take, remove, or carry out of their respective public offices, or cause or suffer any person or persons to take, remove, or carry out of their respective public offices, any books, papers