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being, in the sum of twenty pounds current money, with condition thereto, that if such convicted felon, naming him or her, shall keep the peace, and be of good behaviour towards all his majesty's subjects, during the time for which such convicted felon was transported, or during the time he or her shall continue in this province, then such recognizance shall be void; which recognizance, immediately after the caption thereof, shall be delivered to the person entering into the same, who shall, within ten days thereafter, deliver the same to the clerk of the court of the county in which such purchaser shall reside, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money for every neglect to enter into such recognizance, or deliver the same to the clerk as aforesaid; and such county clerk to whom such recognizance shall be delivered as aforesaid, shall, as soon thereafter as may be, at the charge of the recognizor, enter the said recognizance in the said record book at large, and alphabet the same, under the penalty of five pounds current money.

Penalties inflicted by this act, how to be recovered and applied.

V. **And be it enacted**, That all penalties inflicted by this act shall and may be recovered in any county court in this province wherein the offence or omission shall happen, or the offender shall reside, if such offender be resident within this province, or if such offender be not resident within this province, then in any county court where such offender can be apprehended, by action of debt or bill of indictment, wherein not more than one imparlance shall be allowed, one half whereof to the use of the county where the purchaser of any such convicted felon shall reside, or in which any such convicted felon, who shall be discharged, shall be put on shore, towards defraying the charges of such county, and the other half to the informer, or him, her or them, that will sue or prosecute to effect for the same; and any court in which such action shall be brought, may, in their discretion, award good and sufficient bail.

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An ACT for preventing the evil occasioned by continuance of suits at law on suggestion of want of evidence from beyond the sea.

To continue three years, &c. It was afterwards continued for seven years, &c. by the act of June, 1773, ch. 7; and it expired with June session in 1780. The provision it contained was this; that no suit be continued on suggestion beyond the time limited by law, unless it be made appear, by affidavit to the court's satisfaction, that material witnesses or testimony are really wanting, and that the party, or his agent or attorney, hath used his utmost endeavours to procure such witnesses or testimony.

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Tuesday the twenty-fifth day of September, in the 20th year of the dominion of the Right Honourable FREDERICK, absolute lord and proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon, lord baron of Baltimore, &c. and ended the second day of November, *anno domini* 1770: The following laws were enacted.

ROBERT EDEN, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act for amending the staple of tobacco, for preventing frauds in his majesty's customs, and for the limitation of officers fees, and the supplementary act thereto.

C H A P. II.

An ACT directing the sale of the lands of Richard Heard, late of Saint Mary's county, deceased, for the payment of the debts of the said Richard Heard. *PR.*

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