

C H A P.
VIII.

the expiration of the said term, and further renewable for ever; on which said part of the lot aforesaid, the said inhabitants have built and erected a large and convenient building, calculated for a market-house and other public uses; and it is prayed, that an act of assembly may be passed for confirming the said lease, and vesting the estate therein limited in the commissioners of the said town, and their successors, for the use and benefit of the said town.

Lease de-
clared good,
&c.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the right honourable the lord proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his governor, and the upper and lower houses of assembly, and the authority of the same,* That the said lease, so made by the said Thomas Harrison, and every clause, matter and thing, therein contained, shall be and hereby is declared good and sufficient in law; and that the commissioners of Baltimore-town, and their successors, shall and may hold, possess and enjoy, the said demised part of the lot of land aforesaid, and the estate therein limited, to and for the use and benefit of the said town, in as full and ample manner as if they the said commissioners had been legally constituted a body politic and corporate in deed and in name, with capacity to purchase.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for the relief of the poor in Anne-Arundel county.

The justices having contracted for an alms-house, to be finished by May next, are empowered, notwithstanding the act of 1771, ch. 36, to assess, in November next, a quantity, not exceeding 10lb. of tobacco per poll, to be paid to the trustees for the support of the poor to be taken into the said house.

C H A P. X.

An ACT for the division of Dorchester and Queen-Anne's counties, and for erecting a new one by the name of Caroline.

Preamble.

WHEREAS a considerable body of the inhabitants of Dorchester and Queen-Anne's counties, by their petition to this general assembly, have prayed, that an act may be passed for a division of the said counties, and for erecting a new one out of parts thereof: And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the erecting of a new county out of such parts of Dorchester and Queen-Anne's counties, will conduce greatly to the ease and convenience of the people thereof;

Bounds of
Caroline
county.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the right honourable the lord proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his governor, and the upper and lower houses of assembly, and the authority of the same,* That after the Monday after the second Tuesday in March next, such parts of the aforesaid two counties of Dorchester and Queen-Anne's, as are contained within the bounds and limits following, to wit, Beginning at a point on the north side of the mouth of Hunting creek in Dorchester county, and from thence running up and with the said creek to the main road at James Murray's mill, thence with that road by Saint-Mary's White Chapel parish church to the north-west fork bridge, thence with the main road (that leads to Cannon's ferry) to Nanticoke river, thence with the said river to and with the exterior limits of the aforesaid county of Dorchester to the exterior limits of Queen-Anne's county, thence with the limits of Queen-Anne's county to intersect the main road that leads from the Beaver dam causeway to Dover-town, in Kent county, upon Delaware, thence with the said road to the long marsh, thence with the said marsh and stream of the branch of Tuckahoe creek to Tuckahoe bridge, thence with the said creek to Great Choptank river, and with the said river to the first beginning at the mouth of Hunting creek, shall be, and is hereby erected into a new county, by the name of Caroline county.

Inhabitants to
enjoy privi-
leges.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the inhabitants of Caroline county aforesaid shall have, hold and enjoy, all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of any county in this province.

Commission-
ers appointed,
who are to
purchase land,
&c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That Mr. William Haskins, Mr. Richard Mason, Mr. Joshua Clark, Mr. John White, Mr. Henry Dickenson, Mr. William Keene, and Mr. Thomas Goldborough, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for