

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act for imposing an additional duty of two pounds per poll on all negroes imported into this province.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT continuing an ACT, entitled, An act for the gauge of barrels of pork, beef, pitch, tar, turpentine, and tare of barrels of flour or bread.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act to establish a market in Fredericktown, in Frederick county, and for the regulation of the said market.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act for relieving the inhabitants of this province from some aggrivances in the prosecution of suits at law, and the supplementary act thereto.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT for the relief of the poor in Saint-Mary's county.

This act, as nearly as may be, is a copy of the general law of 1768, ch. 29; the assessment of 15 per poll being directed to be made in 1773, 1774, and 1775. The 18th and 19th sections of that act are, however, not copied in this act, because they contain provisions already extending over the whole province.

This act contains the following general law, by way of supplement to the aforesaid act of 1768.

Rogues, &c. committed to the work-house, may be corrected for misbehaviour.

XXV. **And be it further enacted,** That in all cases, upon complaint of the overseer of said work-house, or of any other work-house in this province, to any trustee for the poor of such work-house, that any rogue, vagrant, vagabond, or other idle, dissolute and disorderly person thereto committed, and therein remaining, hath behaved and demeaned himself in a disorderly manner, or hath neglected and refused to do and perform his or her daily labour and task, or hath neglected or refused to obey, keep and observe, any of the ordinances, rules and bye-laws, of the said corporation, it shall and may be lawful for such trustee, to order and direct such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender, as the nature of the case shall require.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT to render the recovery of the penalty for selling liquor without licence more certain.

This act being only supplementary to the act of 1768, ch. 27, has, with that act, ceased to have operation.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to regulate the criminal business of Baltimore county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is found by experience, from the great multiplicity of the criminal and civil business of Baltimore county, that it is impracticable to execute the same, within the space of one week: For remedy whereof for the future,

Justices to hold courts for the trial of felonies, &c.

II. **Be it 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 it shall and may be lawful for the justices of Baltimore county court, or any three of them, and they are hereby directed and required, to meet on the Tuesday before the Monday preceding the first Tuesday in the months of February, June and October, yearly, during the continuance of this act, at the court-house of the said county, and then and there hold a court for the trial of all felonies, and other crimes, offences and misdemeanors, which by law are triable or determinable in the county court of the said county; and they, or any three of them, shall and may, at the respective times in this act mentioned, hear, try and determine, all felonies, and other crimes, offences and misdemeanors, of what nature or quality soever, which by law are cognizable and determinable in the county court for the said county; and shall have full power and authority to hear and determine all disputes between masters and servants, or apprentices; and they