

C H A P.
XXIX.

mistress or overseer, and thereof be convicted before a justice of the peace, such servant or servants, slave or slaves, shall be whipped not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, at the discretion of such justice of the peace.

Act to be given in charge to grand juries, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That the justices of the several county courts are hereby required to give this act in charge to their several grand juries, whose duty it shall be to present all persons who shall have committed any breach of this act.

Proviso.

VII. **Provided always,** That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the owner from killing tame deer, or deer actually confined within parks or islands.

Proviso.

VIII. **Provided also,** That nothing in this act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to Washington county.

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince-George's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned. (*A private act.*)

C H A P. XXXI.

Passed Mar. 6. An ACT relating to the public buildings in Caroline county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry of the inhabitants of Caroline county have, by their humble petition to this general assembly, set forth, that a part of the money heretofore collected for the purpose of erecting a court-house and gaol in said county, hath unavoidably been sunk by the depreciation of paper money during the late contest with Great-Britain; that a part of said monies still remains in the hands of William Hopper, late sheriff of said county, for the recovery of which a suit is now depending in the general court of the eastern shore; that the levying of sixty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-eight pounds of tobacco was suspended by a resolve of the convention; and praying that the sum of one thousand pounds current money, exclusive of the commission for collection, be assessed, at three equal and annual assessments, on the property of said county, which, together with the sums now in the hands of the commissioners, by virtue of an act of assembly made in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-three, entitled, An act for the division of Dorchester and Queen-Anne's counties, and for erecting a new one by the name of Caroline, and that in the hands of the late sheriff, may be sufficient for the purposes aforesaid; and this general assembly thinking the prayer of the said petition just and reasonable; therefore,

Justices to levy money, &c.

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That the justices of Caroline county be, and they are hereby authorized and required, at their June courts in the years seventeen hundred and eighty-six, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, respectively, to assess and levy on the property in the said county subject to assessment, by even and equal portions, the sum of one thousand pounds current money, together with the collector's commission of four per cent. thereon; which said money, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the sheriff or other collector of Caroline county in the same manner as other county levies are by law collected, and when collected as aforesaid, shall be paid by the said sheriff or collector to the commissioners hereafter appointed, or the major part of them, and by them applied towards building the court-house and prison for said county, on a convenient and proper part of the land near Melvill's ware-house, upon Choptank river in said county.

III. **And**