

obligatory as aforesaid by which it may appear upon what consideration the same was taken the said Bond Bill or Writing obligatory shall be void and of no effect and the Officer & Officers that took the same shall lose his debt and for ever be debarred of suing another aⁿtion for the recovery of the same any Law Statute or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And that whereas the said Officers are prohibited from taking Bills upon any pretence whatsoever during the time they remain in office to the intent the said Officers may receive no damage by the Act of Assembly for limitation of Actions.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the time the said Officers remain in office shall not be reckon'd or accounted in the Act of Limitation, and that whereas it hath been the practice of severall Sherifs of this Province where a person hath been in prison at the suit of two or three severall persons or hath lain for the satisfaction of two or more severall judgments for the Sherif to charge twenty *per day* for each Action or Judgment for prevention whereof.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Sherif after the publication of this Act shall exact & take any more than twenty pounds of tobacco *per day* of any prisoner that he lyes for the satisfaction of severall judgments he shall be lyable to the pains & penaltys of a certain Act of Assembly for setting Officers Fees,

An Act concerning the bounds of a certain Tract of Land to the use of the Nanticoke Indians so long as they shall occupy and live upon the same.

It being most just that the *Indians* the ancient inhabitants of this Province should have a convenient dwelling place in this their Native Country free from the incroachments and oppressions of the *English* more especially the *Nanticoke Indians* in *Dorchester County* who for these many years have lived in peace & concord with the *English* and in all matters in obedience to the Government of this Province, We the Burgesses & Delegates of this present General Assembly therefore do pray that it may be granted, And

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice & Consent of her Majesty's Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same that the Land lying & being in *Dorchester County* & on the North side of *Nanticoke River* bounded & bounded as followeth, beginning at the mouth of *Chichavan Creek* & running up the said Creek bounded therewith to the head of the main branch of the same, and from the head of the said main branch with a line drawn to the head of a branch issuing out of the North West Fork of *Nanticoke* known by the name of *Indians* *Anderjow* branch, and from the head of the said branch down the said *Anderjow* branch bounded therewith to the mouth of the same where it falls into the said North West Fork, and from thence down the aforesaid North West Fork bounded therewith to the main River and so down the main River to the mouth of the aforesaid *Chichavan Creek* shall be confirmed and assured and by vertue of this Act is confirm'd & assur'd unto *Papagosh* & *Ameroughjwan* and the people under their government or charge & their heirs & successors for ever, any law usage custom or grant to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding to be held of the Lord Proprietary & his heirs Lord Proprietary or Lords Proprietarys of this Province under the yearly Rent of one Beaver skin to be paid to his said Lordship and his heirs as other Rents within this Province by the *English* used to be paid.

Provided always that it shall & may be lawful for any person or persons that hath formerly taken up and obtain'd any grants from the Lord *Baltimore* for any tracts or parcels of Land within the aforesaid boundrys upon the *Indians* deserting or leaving the said Land to enter occupy & enjoy the same, any thing in this Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall not nor may be lawful for the Lord *Baltimore* to ask have or demand any Rent or Service for any of the said tracts or dividends as may or have been taken up as aforesaid within the said *Indians* boundrys until such time that the takers up or owners aforesaid do enjoy or possess the same any Law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act to prevent the growth of Popery within this Province.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that whatsoever Popish Bishop Priest or Jesuit shall baptize any child or children other than such who have Popish Parents or shall say Mass or exercise the function of a Popish Bishop or Priest within this Province or shall endeavour to perswade any of her Majesty's Leige People of this Province to embrace and be reconciled to the Church of *Rome* and shall be thereof legally convict shall forfeit the sum of fifty pounds Sterling for ev'ry such offence the one half thereof to our Sovereign Lady