

the Authority of the same that from and after the publication of this Act no person or persons whatsoever whether Inhabitant or Foreigner trading with Ships or Vessels of greater or lesser burthen having a Deck shall unload or caft out of their said Ships or Vessels any kind of Ballast into the Harbors or Creeks where they ride but shall lay the said Ballast on the Shear above high water mark, and whosoever shall presume to do contrary to the directions of this Act shall for every such default forfeit and pay two thousand pounds of tobacco the one half to our Sovereign Lady the Queen to be imploy'd for the support of the government of this Province and the other moyety to him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered by Action of Debt or Information wherein no Esloyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the Advice & Consent aforesaid that every respective Naval Officer within this Province or Collector for the time being or that shall hereafter be shall at their own proper cost take out a copy of this Act from the Office where the original Transcript of the Body of the Laws shall be kept signed by the keeper of the said Laws and the same affix at their respective Office Doors to the end all Commanders & Masters of Ships or other Vessels deck'd as aforesaid may have due cognizance thereof, and if such Naval Officer refuse or neglect to take out such copy and affix the same as aforesaid he shall forfeit and pay two thousand pounds of tobacco the one half to our Sovereign Lady the Queen to be imployed to the use intent & purpose aforesaid, the other half to the informer to be recover'd as aforesaid.

And be it Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall presume to build or make any Hedge or Ware a cross any Creek or River towards the head or narrow parts thereof below any publick landing places so as to prejudice and dam up the Channel shall be lvable to a Fine of five hundred pounds of tobacco to be recover'd as aforesaid to the uses aforesaid.

An Act for rebuilding the Stadt-House at Annapolis.

An Act declaring the divisions of several Countys within this Province made by vertue of a former Act intituled an Act for the division & regulating severall Countys within this Province and constituting a County by the name of Prince Georges County within the same Province to be firm and stable.

An Act for advancement of the Natives & Residents of this Province.

B E I T ENACTED by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice & Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same that no person or persons whatsoever who have not made this Province their seat of residence for the full space and term of three Years shall have hold possess or enjoy any place or office of trust or profit within the same either by himself or deputy except such person or persons as shall have immediate Comission from her Majesty her Heirs & Successors for any such place or office aforesaid as also such person or persons now possess of any such place or office as aforesaid, but that all & every her Majestys principal Officers within this Province having or that shall hereafter have authority by vertue of any Commission from her Majesty her Heirs & Successors to him or them granted to dispose of any place or office as aforesaid may upon vacancy of any place or office whereof they have right to dispose be obliged to make choice of such person or persons as they shall think most worthy & capable of executing such place or office as aforesaid out of the inhabitants of this Province who have been resident therein during the time & term aforesaid (except before excepted) any Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted that every person or persons whatsoever having Commission from the Queens Majesty her Heirs & Successors to exercise any office within this Province shall actually inhabit in this Province and exercise the same in his own proper person & not by any deputy or deputys without particular leave from her Majesty.

An Act declaring several Acts of Assembly formerly made to be in force.

B E I T ENACTED by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that the severall & respective Acts of Assembly heretofore made & enacted (that is to say) one Act intituled *an Act for erecting Ann-Arundel & Oxford Towns into Ports & Towns*, one other Act of Assembly intituled *an Act for the punishment of persons suborning Witnesses or committing willful & corrupt Perjury*, one other Act intituled *an Act for sanctifying & keeping holy the Lords Day commonly called Sunday*, one other Act intituled *an Act concerning Indians*, one other Act intituled *an*