

A N D Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the first day of *January 1707* all High Sheriffs & Clerks of the County Courts shall be and are hereby obliged actually to reside & inhabit in such Ports or Towns where County Court-houses are already built or to be built, and if no Court-house be in a Town or Port, then such High Sheriff and Clerks shall & are hereby oblig'd to reside & inhabit in such Town as shall be most commodious to the inhabitants of such County under the penalty of one hundred pounds Sterling to our Sovereign Lady the Queen to be divided, one third to her said Majesty for the support of Government, one third to the use of such Port or Town wherein any such Court-house shall be built, and if the Court-house is not standing in any Town, then to the use of the Town next adjacent to the Court-house, and the other third to the informer or him or them that sue for the same, to be recover'd in any Court of Record within this Province by Bill Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd.

An Act for the attainder of Richard Clark of Ann-Arundel County.

W Hereas *Richard Clark* late of *Ann-Arundel County* hath obitinatedly refused to surrender himself to Justice and take his Tryal for the Treasons & Felonys wherewith he stands charged and for which he still continues outlawed by Act of Assembly of this Province, and void of all fence of his duty either to God or our Sovereign Lady the Queens Majesty plotteth & contriveth how he may disturb the peace and quiet of this her Majestys Government lawfully Established, by perswading and corrupting divers of the inhabitants and others debtors and servants to leave their settlements and abodes and adjoyn themselves to him, whereby he may be the better enabled to carry on and execute his most execrable & trayterous designs, not having spared to declare that he would bring a Vessel mounted with Gunns and burn or blow up the Town & Port of *Annapolis* and the Magazine of Arms & Ammunition therein, and also do what other mischief he should think fit, after which prank (as he term'd it) with his companions & associates he would go to *Madagascar* and there exercise Piracy.

And forasmuch as it is manifest sundry idle persons servants & debtors have very lately deserted their severall habitations and abodes, and that many more now taken up and secured in her Majestys Goale in the Town & Port of *Annapolis*, were preparing and designed to steal a Shallop in order to convey themselves to *North Carolina* or elsewhere, where it may be supposed the said *Richard Clark* maketh his Randevouze, having for his better support and carrying on his wicked designs lately forg'd & coyn'd great quantities of Money like unto the *Cruile & Mexico Spanish* peices of Eight, and the Dollars of the low Countrys currant here by her Majestys Royal Proclamation, all which illegal wicked & trayterous actions give great Warnings to his Excellency the Governour and this General Assembly to endeavour what in them lyes to prevent any such wicked Enterprizes of the said *Richard Clark*, and to provide for the security and defence of the Country against the said *Richard Clark* & his accomplices.

Wherefore and in regard that all means prove ineffectual to enforce the said *Clark* to take a fair Tryal, Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that the said *Richard Clark* be and is hereby convicted & attainted of high Treason and shall suffer the pains of death, and incur all forfeitures as a person attainted of high Treason.

An Act against forging & counterfeing of foreign Coynes Gold or Silver.

F Orasmuch as divers evil disposed persons have of late forged & counterfeited severall foreign Coynes commonly received amongst her Majestys Subjects of this Province for currant in payment, to the great damage of her Majestys said Subjects being thereunto encouraged, for that there has not heretofore been any condign punishment by Law provided for such offenders, wherefore and in order to deter such like offenders for the future from such evil and pernicious practices,

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice & Consent of Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the authority of the same, that if any person or persons after the publication of this Act shall falsely forge counterfeit or clip any such kind of Coyn of Gold or Silver as is not the proper Coyn of the Kingdom of *England* or shall aid assist or abett any offender or offenders doing the same, either by concealing them or by any other ways or means countenance such offenders in their said offences, every such offender his aiders abettors & countenancers therein for the first offence shall be whipt pillory'd & cropp'd in both Ears, and for the second offence shall be branded in the Cheek and banished upon due conviction in any of her Majestys Courts of Record within this Province.

An Act for preventing the exportation of Tobacco out of this Province by Land before the duties payable be paid or well secured to the severall Officers appointed or to be appointed for receiving the same.

W Hereas for some Years past it has been a frequent practice by several Merchants and other inhabitants as well of this Province as of the Province of *Pensilvania* & the Territories thereunto belonging to export by Land from the upper parts of this Province into *Pensil-*

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