C H A P. VI.

An Act against Fugitives. Lib. C and WH. fol. 78. REP.

N. B. This Act (which made it Felony of Death, together with forseiture of Lands, Goods, Passed 23d of

Sc. for any Apprentice Servant to depart away fecretly from his or her Master or Dame, with March 1641. Intent to convey him or herself away out of the Province; and in any other Person that should wittingly accompany such Servant in such unlawful Departure; unless his Lordship, or his Lieut. General, should think proper to change such Pains of Death into a Servitude not exceeding Seven Years, &c.) was superseded by the Act of 1649, ch. 5, which last was repealed by 1676, ch. 2.

The above LAWS were Published, under the Great Seal, the 26th March 1642.

At a GENERAL ASSEMBLY, begun and held at 1642. St. Mary's on the 18th Day of July 1642, in the 11th Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Cæcilius, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, and ended the 1st Day of August solutions.

Enacted by the Lord Proprietary, with the Consent of

the Freemen, as followeth.

The Hon. LEONARD CALVERT, Esq; Lieut. General.

C H A P. I.

Any Ten Members of the House, at any Time assembled, at the usual or appointed Passed 19th Time (whereof the Lieutenant-General and Six Burgesses to be Seven) shall be July 1642. a House, unless Sickness do hinder that Number: In which Case only the Members present to make the House. Lib. C and WH. fol. 79. EXP.

N. B. The above Act first appeared as an Order of the House of the 19th July 1642; but upon Motion of the Secretary, intimating the Necessity of it's passing by way of Bill, it was Read as a Bill, and passed by all the Freemen, and then Enacted by the Lieut. General, in his Lordship's Name, for a Law. And, on the Day following, viz. the 20th July, 1642, it was again read, and two Clauses were added, (1.) The Repeal of all former Acts touching the House of Assembly: And (2.) The limiting of this Act to endure 'til the End of the next Assembly: Which being accepted, it was accordingly that same Day, published under the Great Seal.

C H A P. II.

An Act for Support of the Government. Lib. C and WH. fol. 79. EXP. Passed 30th Viz. Five per Cent on all Tobaccoes exported, except to England, Ireland, or Virginia, as the July 1642. last Port.

C H A P. III.

An Act for Judges. Lib. C and WH. fol. 80. EXP.

C H A P. IV.

Ditto.

Ditto.

An Act for the Rule of Judicature. Lib. C and WH. fol. 80. EXP.

N. B. By this Act (1.) Right and just, in all Civil Causes, to be determined according to the Law, or most general Usage of the Province since it's Plantation, or former Precedents of the same or the like Nature. (2.) In defect of such Law, Usage or Precedent, then according to Equity and good Conscience; not neglecting (so far as the Judges shall be informed thereof, and shall find no inconvenience in the Application to this Province) the Rules by which Right and Just useth and ought to be determined in England, in the same or the like Cases. (3.) All Crimes and Offences to be judged according to the Law of the Province: Or, in defect of certain Law, according to the Judges best Discretion, judging as near as conveniently may be to the laudable Law or Usage of England in the same or the like Offences. (4.) But no Person to be adjudged of Life, Member, or Free-hold, without Law certain of the Province.

An Act providing for Officers. Lib. C and WH. fol. 81. EXP.

C H A P. VI.

Ditto.

An Act touching Appeals. Lib. C and WH. fol. 82. EXP.

C H A P. VII.

Ditto.

An AEt appointing the Order wherein Causes shall be heard and determined. Lib. Ditto. C and WH. fol. 82. EXP.

C H A P. VII.

C and determined. Lib. Ditto.

C H A P.