

C H A P. XV.

Passed 4th
Nov. 1724.

An Act for the Relief of the Devisees of James Philips the Elder, and Anthony Philips, late of Baltimore County, deceased. Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 23. PR. REP. 1732, ch. 16.

C H A P. XVI.

Ditto.

An Act for erecting a Town at Joppa, in Baltimore County, and for securing the Land whereon the Court-house and Prisons are built, to the Use of the said County. Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 24.

N. B. A Public Court-house and Prison having been erected at *Joppa*, at the County Expence, and the Right of the Land being in a Minor, who could not Convey, although his Father, Col. *James Maxwell* had received full Satisfaction for the same; it is therefore Enacted, (1.) That the Land already allotted for the Court-house and Prisons, (not less than Two Acres) and whereon they are built, shall be to the Use of the County for ever. (2.) Certain Commissioners impowered to purchase by Agreement or Valuation of a Jury, 20 Acres of Land at *Joppa*, and cause the same to be surveyed and laid out into 40 Lots, to be erected into a Town, so as the Public Buildings may be included therein, and the Lots so laid out as not to affect the Improvements of Colonel *James Maxwell* and his Son, already made there, with convenient Streets, &c. and the Lots to be Numbered from One to Forty. (3.) The Owner of the Land to have his first Choice of Two Lots, and then the remaining Lots to be taken up by others, so that no Person take up more than one Lot during the first Four Months; but if not taken all up by Inhabitants of the County within that Time, then any other Persons to have Liberty of taking up the same, paying the Owner proportionably. (4.) Takers-up of Lots not Building thereon within Twelve Months a House to cover 400 square Feet, and no House to have any Chimney unless of Brick or Stone, it shall then be lawful for any other Person to enter upon the Lot so not built upon, paying the Sum first set thereon to the Commissioners, or Persons by them appointed to receive the same, to the Benefit of the Town, to be called *Joppa*: And such second Taker-up building and finishing (within One Year after such his Entry) such House as before limited and appointed, shall have as good Estate therein as the first Taker-up, &c. (5.) Lots not taken up during Seven Years after Publication of this Act, shall revert to the Owner of the Land. (6.) Debtors bringing their Tobaccos to the said Town, and paying the same to their Creditors, or their Receivers, shall be allowed thereout 10 per Cent, to be deducted out of the Debt, or allowed of in Bar or Discount, of any Action to be brought against such Debtors by any Creditors, in any Court within this Province.

See a Supplementary Act, 1737, ch. 11.

C H A P. XVII.

Ditto.

A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, 'An Act for the Trial of all Facts in the Counties where they have arisen and shall arise; the Continuance of Causes in the Provincial Court, and Adjournment of that Court. Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 26. EXP.

' 1723, ch. 3; which, together with this Act, was farther continued by 1727, ch. 6. And both expired in 1731.

C H A P. XVIII.

Ditto.

* 1718, ch. 1.

An ACT for explaining a Paragraph of the * Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act directing the Manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates. Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 28.

Preamble.

Recital of the
Act of 1718,
ch. 1.Doubts arisen
thereon.

WHEREAS in the Supplementary Act to the Act directing the Manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates and Representatives to serve in succeeding Assemblies, it is Provided, That nothing in that Act should be construed to debar or hinder any of the People called, and generally reputed, Quakers, from their Votes in Election, they being otherwise duly qualified, some Questions have arose thereon, Whether Quakers are intended to be otherwise exempt thereby from all Questions concerning their Fidelity to the Government, than by allowing them the Liberty of taking their Affirmation to his Majesty's Government prescribed by Law, instead of the Oaths, as is now used in *England*: For declaring thereof,

Quakers to
take Affirma-
tion instead of
the Oaths to
the Govern-
ment.

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That in all Cases where any the good People of this Province are obliged or required to take the Oaths to his Majesty's Government, the Quakers be likewise obliged to take their Affirmation in the like Cases as allowed and prescribed by Law, instead of such Oaths;