

Parish; and from thence by such Metes and Bounds as shall take in all that Part of *St. Stephen's* Parish which lies to the Northward and Westward of the before Lines, so far as *St. Stephen's* Parish extended to *Elk River*, and then by *Elk River* to *Town-Point* aforesaid; shall be taken from *St. Stephen's* Parish aforesaid, and be erected into a new Parish, and called by the Name of *Augustine* Parish: And shall from the Time aforesaid, be deemed, &c. *Augustine* Parish, and not as a Part or Parcel of *St. Stephen's* Parish aforesaid, &c. (2.) The Inhabitants of *Augustine* Parish to enjoy all Benefits, Privileges, &c. in every respect, equal with any Inhabitants of any other Parish in this Province; with Power to elect Vestry-men, &c. (3.) The Chapel built on *Bonomia* Manor, to be reputed, deemed, &c. as the Parish Church of *Augustine* Parish. (4.) The Rev^d Mr. *Hugh Jones* to continue Incumbent of both Parishes during his Life, &c.

C H A P. IV.

An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of *Jonas Green*, of the City of Annapolis, Printer. Passed 4th June 1744.
Lib. B.L.C. fol. 285. EXP.

To remain in Force till the 25th December 1745. Farther continued by 1745, ch. 1; 1747, ch. 7; and expired 25th December 1748. A new Law made 1749, ch. 8.

C H A P. V.

An ACT to prevent the Cutting up Tobacco Plants, Destroying of Tobacco and Tobacco-houses; and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals Guilty of the said Offences. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 286. Ditto.

WHEREAS Tobacco is the Staple of this Province, and that thereon depends the Livelihood of many of the Inhabitants, as well as the most considerable Branch of Trade; and that it is as requisite that the Property of the People should be as well secured in the Fields, or open Houses, as in their Dwelling-houses: It is therefore prayed that it may be Enacted;

II. And be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That any Person or Persons, who shall, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, cut or destroy, or cause to be cut up or destroyed, any Tobacco Plants belonging to any other Person or Persons, or by Threats, Menaces, or other sinister Means, shall cause or excite any Person or Persons to cut up or destroy any Tobacco or Tobacco Plants, belonging to any other Person or Persons, and shall be thereof convicted by due course of Law, shall forfeit and pay unto the Party grieved, One Hundred Pounds Sterling, and suffer Six Months Imprisonment, without Bail or Mainprize; and shall also remain in Prison, as in Execution, until the said Sum be satisfied, in case the Offender be of sufficient Ability to pay the same; and if the Offender shall not be of sufficient Ability, then, and in every such case, the Offender shall remain and continue in Prison for the Space of One whole Year, without Bail or Mainprize. **Provided** also, That the Party grieved, shall and may have and maintain his or her Action of Trespass, or other proper Action at Law, for Recovery of Damages against the Offender; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty on Persons cutting or destroying Tobacco, or Tobacco Plants; or exciting others to do so.

Fine and Imprisonment.

The Party grieved shall have Action of Trespass, &c.

III. And be it further Enacted, That any Person or Persons, who shall after the End of this Session of Assembly, wilfully Burn any Tobacco belonging to any other Person, whether Hanging, or in Bulk, or Packed, or any Tobacco-house or Houses, having therein any Tobacco Hanging, or in Bulk, or Packed, and be thereof convicted by due course of Law, and every Aider and Abettor of such Offender, shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Punishment of Persons convicted of burning Tobacco, or Tobacco-houses. Death.

IV. This Act to continue Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

Continuance.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON.

Farther continued 1747, ch. 11, for 3 Years, &c. But by 1751, ch. 7, is made PERPETUAL.

C H A P.