

C H A P.  
XX.Punishment  
of Horse-  
Stealers, their  
Aiders, Abet-  
tors, and Ac-  
cessaries, &c.

Death.

in this Province, and all Aiders, Abettors, and Accessaries, either before or after the Fact, of any such Takers or Stealers, and all and every Person and Persons who shall buy, take, or receive any Stolen Horse, Mare, Gelding, or Colt, knowing the same to be feloniously Taken or Stolen, and shall be thereof convicted, by Confession or Verdict, or be Out-lawed, or will not upon Arraignment answer directly according to Law, or shall wilfully and of Malice stand Mute, or shall peremptorily Challenge above Twenty, shall for every such Offence or Offences as aforesaid, suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Punishment  
of wilful  
Burners of  
Ships, Boats,  
&c.

Death.

II. And be it further Enacted, That any Person or Persons who shall, after the Publication of this Act, maliciously, wilfully, and designedly, Burn any Ship, or other Vessel, Sloop, Shallop, or Boat, of Seventeen Feet Keel, or upwards, whether laden or empty, and the Aiders or Abettors of such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted or attainted by due Course of Law, shall suffer Death as a Felon or Felons, without Benefit of Clergy.

Continuance.

III. This Act to continue for Three Years next ensuing, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly that shall happen after the said Three Years.

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

Farther continued by 1747, *ch. 12*; 1751, *ch. 4*; 1754, *ch. 2*; 1757, *ch. 26*, and 1762, *ch. 4*.

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Passed 4<sup>th</sup>  
June 1744.

An Act to enable the Rector, Vestry-men and Church-wardens of St. James's Parish, in Anne-Arundel County, to Lease Lands belonging to St. James's Church, in Manner and to the Uses therein mentioned. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 298.*

N. B. By this Act, (1.) The Rector, Vestry-men and Church-wardens of the said Parish, for the Time being, are impowered to grant, lease, demise, and to farm let, a Parcel of Land, Part of a Tract called *Wrighton*, on the East side of *Patuxent River*, in the said County, hitherto unimproved, to any Person or Persons willing and capable to take the same, or any Part of it, on such Conditions, Covenants, Provisoes, and yearly Rents, as to the said Rector, Vestry-men, &c. or the major Part of them shall agree upon, and for any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years, in any one Demise. (2.) The yearly Rents, &c. of the Premises to belong to the Incumbent of the said Parish for the Time being, for his sole and separate Use and Benefit, and to no other Use, &c. whatsoever. (3.) During a Vacancy, the Vestry-men and Church-wardens are impowered to demand and receive such Rents, and by them be applied as the 40 per Poll is directed to be applied on the like Occasion by 1715, *ch. 24*. (4.) The Leases so made, shall, at the Request of the Lessee, be entered within Three Months from the Date thereof, *verbatim*, by the Clerk or Register of the Parish, on the Register Book of the said Parish; there to be viewed and perused by any Person desiring the same; and who shall, on paying a reasonable Fee, have a Copy thereof, or of such Part as such Person shall think proper: And for the Entry thereof in the Register Book, the Clerk to receive Five Shillings Current Money. (5.) Such Entry, when made, shall be deemed, &c. as good and effectual, &c. as if the same had been acknowledged, and entered among the County Records.

C H A P. XXII.

Ditto.

A Supplementary ACT to the Act, entitled, \* An Act for Laying out and Erecting a Town, at a Place called *Long Point*, on the West side of *North-East River*, in *Cæcil County*. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 299.*

\* 1742, *ch. 23*. See a farther Supplementary Act 1750, *ch. 12*.

Preamble set-  
ting forth a  
voluntary  
Contribution  
of the Propri-  
etors of Lots,  
at 20 s. per  
Lot.

WHEREAS, the Inhabitants or Takers-up of the Lots in *Charles-Town*, in *Cæcil County*, have, by their Petition to this General Assembly represented, That they have voluntarily advanced, and paid into the Hands of the Commissioners appointed for laying out the said Town, the Sum of Twenty Shillings upon every and respective Lot by them taken-up, over and above the Price and Purchase thereof, whereby there is paid into the Hands of the said Commissioners the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Current Money, to be applied towards building a Public Wharf and Store-house in the said Town, for the Advancement of the Trade thereof; and therefore Pray that a Law may pass, for laying out the said Money towards Building a Public Wharf and Store-house, on the public Ground laid out