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31 CHARLES Lord BALTIMORE.

C H A P.
IX.

provements, of what Kind soever, either Wharfs, Houses, or other Buildings, that have or shall be made out of the Water, or where it usually flows, shall (as an Encouragement to such Improvers) be for ever deemed the Right, Title and Inheritance of such Improvers, their Heirs and Assigns for ever. (11.) None shall keep or raise any Swine, Geese, or Sheep, within the said Town, unless they be well inclosed within some Lot or Pen. (12.) All Takers-up of Lots, and former and after Purchasers under this or the former Laws, complying with the Requisites therein directed, shall have a sure indefeasible Estate of Inheritance, in Fee-simple, in the Lots by them taken up; any Law, Custom, &c. notwithstanding.

C H A P. X.

Passed 28th
Sept. 1745.

An Act to enable the Commissary-General to enter and record, amongst the Records of his Office, the Last Will and Testament of Henry Staples, deceased, for the Purposes therein mentioned. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 327. PR.

C H A P. XI.

Ditto.

An Act for Settlement of Lands therein mentioned, on Francis Waring, and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 328. PR.

C H A P. XII.

Ditto.

An Act to direct and empower the Clerk of Prince George's County, to enter and record, among the Records of the said County, a Deed of Bargain and Sale, from John Nevil, William Collier, and Thomas Bond, to John Boyd, of a Tract of Land therein mentioned. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 329. PR.

C H A P. XIII.

Ditto.

An Act for ascertaining the Allowance of Petit Jurors attending the Provincial Court, and to limit Costs with respect to Evidences. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 330. EXP.
To continue in Force 3 Years, &c. A new Law made 1749, ch. 2.

C H A P. XIV.

Ditto.

An Act for laying out One Acre of Land convenient to Rock-Creek Landing, on Patowmack River, on the Land George Gordon now lives on, and for Building a Rolling-house thereon. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 331.

* Made an Inspecting-house by 1763, ch. 18, §. 36.

C H A P. XV.

Ditto.

An ACT for the Gauge of Barrels for Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Tare of Barrels for Flour or Bread. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 332.

Preamble.

FOR Prevention of Frauds and Abuses frequently practiced by greedy and avaricious Traders in Pork, Beef, Tar, Turpentine, and Pitch, who, for their own private Lucre and Gain, not only make and set up, or cause to be made and set up, small Barrels, and badly made and hooped, but slightly pack, and deceitfully fill the same, to the great Prejudice of the Trade of this Province in the said Commodities and Merchandizes; For the Prevention of which ill Practices, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted;

Every such Barrel for Exportation, shall Gauge at least 31 Gallons and an half, Wine Measure.

II. And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, 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 from and after the First Day of October, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-six, all and every Barrel or Barrels, which shall be set up to put Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar or Turpentine, into; and also every Barrel or Barrels, wherein Pork or Beef shall be packed, or wherein Pitch, Tar, or Turpentine, shall be filled, either for Exportation out of, or Sale within this Province, shall be of Size and Gauge to contain at least the Quantity of Thirty-one and a Half Gallons, Wine Measure; and that the Contents of every Pork Barrel, at Exportation or Sale, shall be at the least Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds of good nett Pork; and of every Beef Barrel, the like Quantity of good nett Beef, well salted and preserved; and that every Tar or Turpentine Barrel shall be filled with good clean merchantable Tar or Turpentine; and every Pitch-Barrel with good true-made merchantable Pitch.

Pork and Beef Barrels to contain at least 220 lb.

Tar and Turpentine Barrels to be filled, &c.

III. And to the End, that all and every Barrel or Barrels to be hereafter made use of for any of the Purposes aforesaid, may from Time to Time be set