

1747.

32 and 33 CHARLES Lord BALTIMORE.

C H A P. XVI.

Passed 11th
July 1747.

An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, 'A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes, and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meeting, and other Irregularities of Negroes, and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of Trying Slaves. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 412. EXP.
' 1737, ch. 7, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XVII.

Ditto.

An ACT to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniencies attending the Sale of Strong Liquors, and Running of Horse Races near the Yearly Meetings of the People called Quakers; and to prevent the tumultuous Concourse of Negroes, and other Slaves, during the said Meetings. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 412.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the People called Quakers, have by their Petition to this present General Assembly, set forth, and complained, That (notwithstanding the former Indulgence of the Legislature in restraining Booths, and other Places for selling Liquor, from being set up, or kept within Two Miles of their Meeting-house at *West-River*, and One Mile of their Meeting-house at *Third-Haven* Creek, in *Talbot* County, which Favour they most gratefully acknowledge,) they, as well as those of other Persuasions who resort to their Yearly Meetings, labour under and suffer many Inconveniencies from the great Concourse of idle and profligate White People, and great Crowds of Negroes, that assemble together at the usual Times of their Yearly Meetings, held at their said Meeting-houses, drinking to Excess, and behaving in a riotous and turbulent Manner, at Booths, and other Places where Strong and Spirituous Liquor can be had, at greater Distances than before mentioned; and that they have for some Years last past, been greatly incommoded and endangered in passing and repassing to and from their said Meeting-house, in *Talbot* County, by Multitudes of rude and disorderly People, that gather together to Run Horse-Races on the Road between the said Meeting-house at *Third-Haven* Creek, and a Place near thereto, called *New-Market*: For Prevention of which Evils for the future, they have prayed that it may be Enacted—

N. B. By the Act of 1752, ch. 14, §. 4, (for amending and explaining the present Act) so much of this Act as prohibits the Setting up and Erecting any Booth or Conveniency; or selling or disposing of any Strong or Spirituous Liquors, or other Accommodations; or giving any Entertainment to any Persons, at a Distance less than Three Miles, (viz. §. II, III, IV, V, VI, and IX,) is Repealed. The aforesaid Sections are therefore omitted. But the Penalties in this Act are to be applied according to the Directions in §. II, viz. "One Half to the Informer, or him or them who will sue for the same, the other Half to the Use of the County-School where such Offence shall be committed; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed."

Penalty on
Horse Racing
within Five
Miles of the
Quakers
yearly Meet-
ings.

VII. And be it further Enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall hereafter Run or Pace any Race or Races, with any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, for any Wager or Wagers, for Diversion, or on any Pretence whatsoever, on the Ground commonly called *New-Market*, in *Talbot* County, or within the Distance of Five Miles from the Meeting-house in the said County, or within Five Miles of the Meeting-house on *West-River*, in *Anne-Arundel* County, on the Days on which the said Meetings, or either of them, shall be kept and held, under the Penalty of the Owner or Owners of such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, who shall so Run or Pace his Horse, Mare, or Gelding, or knowingly suffer them to be Run or Paced, forfeiting and paying for every such Race Five Pounds Current Money, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid. And the Person or Persons who shall presume to make any Horse-Race, lay any Wager on such Race, or Run for his or their Diversion, or who shall presume