

1756. 5 and 6 *FREDERICK* Lord *BALTIMORE*.

C H A P. X.

Passed 22<sup>d</sup> May 1756. *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, "An Act directing the Manner of Punishing Fornication and Adultery before a single Justice of the Peace, out of Court. Lib. H.S. fol. 263. EXP.*

<sup>h</sup> 1752, ch. 2, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XI.

Ditto. *An Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners, in the several County Goals therein mentioned. Lib. H.S. fol. 264. PR.*

C H A P. XII.

Ditto. *A Supplementary ACT to the Act, entitled, \* An Act for Repairing the Public Roads in this Province. Lib. H.S. fol, 270.*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly, That several Persons, in Evasion of an Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for Repairing the Public Roads in this Province*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the Second Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three, have, since the Passing the said Act, Built Mills, and Erected Dams for such Mills, on Branches or Runs below the Places where Public or Main Roads crossed such Branches or Runs, by Means whereof the Waters are so stopped and interrupted in their Course, that the Public or Main Roads are become unpassable, to the great Prejudice of all those who have Occasion to pass and use such Roads :

Owners of Mills built below Places where Public Roads cross, so as to injure or obstruct the Road, shall make Bridges and Causeways over the Branches where the Road crosses, and keep them in Repair.

Penalty for Neglect.

II. *Be it therefore 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 where any Person or Persons, have, since the Second Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three, Built, or shall hereafter Build or Erect, any Mill, on any Branch or Run below the Places where Public or Main Roads did or shall cross such Branch or Run, and by the Building and Erecting of such Mill, or the Dam for the same, the Public or Main Road which crossed or shall cross the Branch or Run as aforesaid, is, or shall be any Way hurt or injured, or the Passage therein any Way obstructed or rendered difficult or incommodious, such Person or Persons, or the Owner, Possessor, or Occupier, of such Mill or Mills, shall, and they are hereby obliged, by the last Day of *October* next, where such Mill or Mills have already been Built, or within Three Months after the Building of any other Mill or Mills, stopping or impeding the Course of the Water as aforesaid, to make good and sufficient Bridges and Causeways, Twelve Feet wide at the least over the said Branches or Runs, at the Places where the Public or Main Roads crossed such Branches as aforesaid, and the same Bridges maintain and keep in good Repair, under the Penalty of Twenty Pounds Current Money, and the like Sum for every Two Months Neglect thereafter; one Half thereof to be applied towards defraying the Charge of the County where such Neglect shall happen, the other Half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance, shall be allowed.

But shall not work upon any other Part of the Road.

III. *Provided*, That such Person or Persons, Owner or Owners, Possessor or Occupier of such Mill or Mills, shall not be obliged to send his or their Taxable Persons, who shall reside in the Precinct of such Public Road, to work on any Part of such Road, except on such Bridge and Causeway as aforesaid.

Duration.

IV. This Act to be in Force during the Continuance of the above recited Act, and no longer.

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

Farther continued by 1758, ch. 14; and 1762, ch. 17.

C H A P.