

SPEEDY TRIAL OF CRIMINALS. See *Thieving*, 1.

SPIRITS. See *Liquors Imported*.

SPORTS. See *Sabbath-Breaking*.

#### SQUIRRELS AND CROWS.

1. Every Person, having Levies to pay, shall produce Three Squirrel Scalps or Crows Heads, yearly, for every Taxable they pay Levy for, to some Justice of the County, before laying the Levies. (See below, Art. 6, and 7.) 1728, *ch. 7*, §. 1.

2. The Magistrate shall destroy the Scalps or Heads so produced, and give Certificate of the Number produced; which Certificate shall be laid before the County Court, at the Time of laying the County Levy, by the Person obtaining the same; and the several Certificates, so produced, shall be compared with the Lists of Taxables. *Ibid.*

3. Two Pounds of Tobacco shall be levied by the County Court, upon every Person falling short, for every Squirrel's Scalp or Crow's Head not produced or certified according to this Act; and applied towards defraying the County Charge. *Ibid.* §. 2.

4. An Allowance of 2 lb Tobacco shall be made, in the County Levy, for every Squirrel's Scalp or Crow's Head produced by any Person more than the Three per Taxable required by this Act. Provided Oath be made, that the Squirrels or Crows were killed in the County where the Allowance is prayed; and the County Court is empowered to levy the same on the County. *Ibid.* §. 3 and 4.

5. Every Person in the Counties of *Kent*, *Queen-Anne's* and *Talbot*, who shall bring to any Magistrate in those Counties, the Heads or Scalps of more Squirrels or Crows than the Three per Taxable required by 1728, *ch. 7*, shall be allowed 2 lb Tobacco in the County Levy for every such Scalp, &c. which Allowances may be discharged in the same Manner as other Public and County Levies: But no such Allowance shall be made but to Residents in the said Counties, nor to them unless it shall appear, by Oath or Affirmation, that such Squirrels, &c. were actually killed in the County where the Allowance is prayed. 1749, *ch. 9*, §. 2, 4 and 5.

6. The Act of 1728, *ch. 4*, (see above, Art. 1—4,) so far as the same relates to *St. Mary's*, *Somerset*, *Charles*, *Anne-Arundel*, *Cæcil*, *Calvert*, *Worcester*, *Prince-George's*, *Frederick*, *Baltimore*, and *Dorchester* Counties, is hereby repealed. 1758, *ch. 11*, §. 1.

7. Four Squirrel's Scalps or Crow's Heads shall be produced annually to some County Magistrate, for each Taxable in the aforesaid Counties, which the several Magistrates (before whom produced) shall burn or destroy, and give Certificate thereof to each Person producing the same; which Person shall lay such Certificate before the County Court, at the Time of laying the County Levy, to be compared with their List of Taxables. And every Person falling short of producing a Certificate of Squirrels Scalps or Crows Heads in proportion to their Taxables, shall pay 2 lb Tobacco for every Scalp, &c. which they shall fall short as aforesaid: To be levied as other Public and County Levies are, and applied towards defraying the County Charge. *Ibid.* §. 2, 3.

8. The Justices of *Baltimore* County Court shall annually, at laying the County Levy, allow to Inhabitants of that County, 2 lb Tobacco for every Squirrel's Scalp, or Crow's Head, produced over and above the Three Scalps or Heads which they are obliged to produce by former Laws. 1762, *ch. 34*, §. 1.

9. Persons producing any such Scalps or Heads to any Justice of *Baltimore* County, and making Oath that the Squirrels or Crows were actually killed within the said County, after the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1762, shall receive a Certificate of the Number, &c. from such Justice, (who shall first burn the said Scalps, &c. to the entire destroying of the same,) and such Certificate shall entitle the Person to the Quantity of Tobacco herein di-

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rected to be paid, in the next Levy of the said County. *Ibid.* §. 2—4.

10. Such Allowances may be paid by the Inhabitants in Money, in the same Manner as Public or County Levies. *Ibid.* §. 5.

STAMPING. See *Inspectors*, 18, 49. *Standard*, 3—8.

#### STANDARD.

1. The Justices of the several County Courts are required to compleat their Standards of *English* Weights and Measures, where defective; and to provide new ones, where wanting, at the County Charge: And shall take Security to the Use of the County from their Standard Keepers, in the Penalty of 50*l.* Sterling, for the safe keeping such Standards, for the due Execution of their Office, and delivering up the same in like good Order, when legally discharged from such Trust. 1715, *ch. 10*, §. 2.

2. Justices, neglecting herein, forfeit 500 lb Tobacco each; to be recovered against them, jointly or separately, in the Provincial Court: One Half to the Support of Government; the other Half to the Informer. *Ibid.*

3. Steelyards for receiving Tobacco, shall be Tried, Stamped, and Numbered, yearly, by the Standard-Keeper: who shall have 1*s.* Fee for every such Trying and Stamping. *Ibid.* §. 3.

4. Bushels, Half-Bushels, Pecks, Gallons, Pottles, Quarts and Pints, shall be Tried and Stamped as aforesaid (except such as are Stamped in *England*) for which Stamping, 6*d.* a Piece shall be paid. *Ibid.*

5. Persons selling by any Dry Measures, not Tried and Stamped at the Standard, forfeit 500 lb Tobacco. *Ibid.* §. 4.

6. Persons receiving Tobacco by Steelyards, which have not been so Tried and Stamped within the Year, forfeit 1000 lb Tobacco. *Ibid.* §. 5.

7. One Half of the Forfeitures (in Art. 5 and 6,) shall be towards defraying the County Charge, the other Half to the Informer; and to be recovered in the County Court, by Action of Debt, &c. *Ibid.*

8. If any Person refuse to pay Tobacco by Steelyards so Tried and Stamped within the Year, and oblige the Owner to have them Tried again, if they be found true, the Person so refusing, &c. shall pay for new Stamping; but if not, the Owner of the Steelyards shall pay for the same. *Ibid.* §. 6.

STAPLE. See *Hemp and Flax*.

STATUTE MERCHANT. See *Limitation of Actions*, 6.

#### STAY OF EXECUTION.

1. No Execution for Debt or Judgment shall issue out of any Court, against the Body or Goods of any Inhabitant of this Province, from the 10<sup>th</sup> May to the 10<sup>th</sup> November in any Year (but see below, Art. 7,) for any Debt, &c. recovered in the Provincial or County Courts; Provided the Debtor come with two sufficient Securities, before One Provincial or Two County Magistrates, and confess Judgment for the Debt and Costs, in the Manner prescribed in this Act (which see, for the Form) which shall be signed by the Justices before whom made; and a Certificate thereof under their Hands shall be a sufficient *Superfedeas* to the Sheriff to forbear Execution. 1715, *ch. 33*, §. 2 and 3.

2. If the Party be taken in Execution, such Certificate obtained afterwards, shall be a sufficient *Superfedeas* to the Sheriff to release the Prisoner, paying Imprisonment Fees. *Ibid.* §. 4.

3. The President, or Two Justices of any County Court, are empowered to supersede Execution of Judgment rendered in the Provincial Court, as fully as any Justice of the Provincial Court. *Ibid.* §. 5.

4. In all Judgments or Decrees obtained in the Court of Appeals, or Chancery, or Commissary's Court, or of small Debts before a Justice of the Peace, the Person against whom obtained, shall have the same Advantage