

C H A P. V.

An ACT to enable the justices of St. Mary's county court, to assess and levy on the taxable inhabitants of All-Faith's parish, a quantity of tobacco, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The net quantity of 120,000lb. of tobacco is to be levied, at three equal assessments, beginning in November next, to be paid by the sheriff to the vestrymen and wardens; who are authorized likewise to receive and collect the 30 per poll, paid by the extra-parochial inhabitants, who, by the death of the late rector, became united to the said parish.

The rector, vestrymen and wardens, are empowered, by a majority, to contract for the building a new parish church, at the place where the old one stands; and to purchase from Thomas Reeder, one acre of the land whereon John Knott formerly lived, and to contract for the building thereon a chapel of ease.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for the benefit of the poor, and encouragement of industry.

Each county court was empowered; in every November, to assess 8,000lb. of tobacco, to be distributed in premiums to such persons as should produce, at the next August court, the best pieces of linen, made of flax or hemp of the growth of this province, and manufactured in the county, by white persons only. There were to be two sets of these premiums; the first set to be given for linen of the purest whiteness, and finest quality; the second set was to be given for linen, to be examined with respect to quality only. Of the first were the following premiums; 1,100, 1,000, 900, 800, and 700lb. of tobacco. Of the second kind, were premiums of 900, 800, 700, 600, and 500lb. The act, however, being made for only five years, was suffered to expire at the end of the term.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT for the building a vestry-house, at St. Paul's church, in Kent county.

The vestry is empowered to expend of the tobacco remaining in their hands, by reason of a late vacancy in the church, any quantity not exceeding 20,000lb. in building a vestry-house.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Cæcil county court.

There had been an adjournment of March court 1764, to the 15th day of May following. On that day a new commission was opened, but not one of the persons named therein as justices, thought proper to qualify. A discontinuance of the proceedings was the necessary consequence. This act directs, that the said proceedings shall be reinstated at the next March court, excepting cases where new actions have been commenced, and the defendants have been arrested, and cases where one of the parties hath died, since the discontinuance. But this act does not affect the bail in any case, civil or criminal; and the time, since the commencement of any action so discontinued, is not to be reckoned for the purpose of barring, under any act of limitations, provided the said action were brought in due time, and a new one be commenced by the plaintiff or his representatives, against the defendant or his representatives, by the 1st day of August next.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT to empower Mary Covington, administratrix of Philip Covington, late of Somerset county, deceased, to sell and dispose of the lands of the said Philip, for the purposes therein mentioned. *PR.*

C H A P. X.

An ACT to prevent the mischiefs arising from the multiplicity of useles dogs, and other purposes therein mentioned.

To continue three years; &c. *EXP.*

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for the relief of certain languishing prisoners, in the several gaols therein mentioned.

Viz. James Daily and William Spry, languishing prisoners in Queen-Anne's county gaol; Stephen Garland, Isaac Roads, and John Garlington, languishing prisoners in Somerset county gaol; Levin Townsend, a languishing prisoner in Worcester county gaol; Nathaniel Wickham, John Turnbull, John Latham, and John Campbell, languishing prisoners in Frederick county gaol; Dorcas Warner, William Clowes, Thomas Tyler, and George Cox, languishing prisoners in Dorchester county gaol; John Brown, a languishing prisoner in St. Mary's county gaol; Samuel Tannehill, Baldwin Skidmore, and John Brahears, languishing prisoners in Prince-George's county gaol; Augustine Pecker, Stephen Johnson, Nicholas Minskie, John Knox, Samuel Tunbridge, Luke Gill, Jasper Hall, languishing prisoners in Anne-Arundel county gaol; John Hughs, Nathan Shaw, John Lemmons, John Grenif Howard, John Denning, John Jones, John Condron, Solomon Wheeland, Joseph Barham, and Thomas West, languishing prisoners in Baltimore county gaol; and John Wood, a languishing prisoner in Calvert county gaol.

C H A P. XII.

A Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act for limitation of certain actions for avoiding suits at law.

WHEREAS the act, entitled, An act for limitation of certain actions for avoiding suits at law, hath provided, that in case any person or persons whatsoever; shall absent themselves out of this province, after any debt

Preamble, reciting part of 1715, ch. 23.

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