

C H A P. XXVIII.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act relating to servants and slaves.

The act of 1748, ch. 19, is continued, &c. as in the note under ch. 15.

C H A P. XXIX.

A Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act for amending the staple of tobacco, for preventing frauds in his majesty's customs, and for the limitation of officers fees.

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT to enable the visitors of Kent county school, for the time being, to lease out part of the land belonging to the said school.

The majority of the visitors is empowered, after giving ten days public notice, to lease the residue of the school land, which was excepted by the act of 1741, ch. 1, to the highest bidder, for a term not exceeding 21 years, and in lots not exceeding three acres each. They are likewise authorized, at their discretion, upon the same terms, to renew expiring leases, or to make new leases; and they are to apply the whole rents as they shall think most conducive to the advantage of the school.

C H A P. XXXI.

A Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act for building a church in St. James's parish, in Anne-Arundel county.

The net quantity of 80,000lb. of tobacco, is to be assessed in November next, and the sheriff is to pay it to a majority of the rector, vestrymen, and wardens, who are to apply it, together with the sum of £.137 17 10, formerly levied for repairing the old church, to the completing the new church, and enclosing its yard. Should any surplus remain, they are directed to lay it out in the necessary repairs of the parish buildings.

C H A P. XXXII.

An ACT for erecting a new parish in Kent county, called Chester parish, and for building a parish church, and enlarging a chapel of ease, within the said new parish.

A new parish, by the name of Chester parish, is carved out of St. Paul's and Shrewsbury parishes, according to the following metes and bounds, viz. Beginning in St. Paul's parish, at the mouth of a pond by the bay side, between Marmaduke Tilden's and William Frisby's, and running up the pond side to the head thereof, where it intersects the line between said Marmaduke Tilden's land and George Copper's land, thence with that line to the road leading from said Tilden's to Cooter Griffin's, thence with that road to intersect the main road leading from the head of Worton, by Chester-town, and with that main road to a valley in James McClean's plantation, leading into the head of the branch called Fanning's branch, thence down that valley and branch to a small branch issuing out of the said Fanning's branch, called Bloody-bridge branch, thence up the said Bloody-bridge branch to the head thereof, and then with a straight line to the head of Muddy creek, and down the said creek to Chester river; and in Shrewsbury parish, beginning at the mouth of Turner's creek, on Sassafras river, and running up the said creek to James Loutitt's point, and thence with the road leading by John Shawhan's into the main county road to Chester-town, thence with the said main county road to Thomas Perkins's, and thence by the cross road to Isaac Perkins's mill, and then by a due south-east line from the said mill to Chester river.

Such a quantity of tobacco, as, with the balance in the hands of the vestry of St. Paul's, will make 100,000lb. is, at the next November court, to be levied on the taxables of the county; and in November 1767, there is to be a further assessment of 80,000lb. These two assessments, and the aforesaid balance, are to be paid to the vestry of the new parish, who, together with the churchwardens, are to be elected by the freeholders, on the first Tuesday of January next, at the cross roads called I. U.

The said vestry are to lay out any quantity of tobacco, not exceeding 130,000lb. in the purchase of two acres of ground at or near the said place, and in erecting thereon a brick church, which they are to finish in every respect, except the pews and seats, these are to be erected on the credit of the money which they are to be sold for to the freeholders of the parish; and they are directed to be sold on such terms as will defray the expence of erecting them. The vestry is further empowered, to expend 50,000lb. of tobacco in an addition to the church at Chester-town, which they are to finish in every respect, except the pews, the expence of which is to be defrayed by a sale of them to such owners of lots in Chester-town as have not already pews. The incumbent of this new parish, is to perform service at the two churches alternately, the latter to be hereafter called and esteemed a chapel of ease.

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An ACT to increase the allowance of jurors attending the provincial and county courts, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

This act repealed the act of 1760, ch. 16, entitled, An act for increasing the allowance of grand and petit jurors, &c. It fixes a different allowance to these jurors, and contains this remarkable provision, "that in no action a greater charge of witnesses shall be allowed, than that of three persons to prove any single fact, unless boundaries of land should come in question, in which case the court is to exercise a discretion, and that where a witness shall appear to have been unnecessarily summoned, no charge at all shall be allowed for him." However, this act being made for only three years, &c. after having been continued for seven years, &c. by the act of 1769, ch. 5, has been suffered to expire.