

Robert Porter, David Covenover, and Griffith Williams, of Cecil county; Nicholas Bowdel, Hezekiah M'Cotter, and Robert Parkinson, of Dorchester county; George Harrington, William Dockery, Joseph Nevill, William Horn, Thomas Farrell, and Joseph Harris, of Queen-Anne's county; William Greenwood, Benjamin Steed, Robert Phillips, John Briscoe, and Patrick Drugan, of Kent county; Benjamin Buckler, John Dart, Alexander Anderson, and Edward Power, of St. Mary's county; and John Long, of Baltimore county.

C H A P. XXVI.

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An ACT for licensing ordinary keepers, hawkers, pedlers, and petty chapmen.

This act was to continue three years, &c. It was afterwards continued for one year, &c. by the act of 1771, ch. 21, and for seven years, &c. by the act of June, 1773, ch. 2. It expired with the session of June, 1780.

C H A P. XXVIII.

An ACT for amending and declaring the law in the cases therein mentioned.

To continue three years, &c. It has expired. But the act of 1771, ch. 33, had the same title, and contained nearly the same, with additional provisions; that act expired with the session of October, 1778. At that session was passed a third act, under the same title, containing, amongst other things, almost the same provisions as the two former.

C H A P. XXIX.

An ACT for the relief of the poor within the several counties therein mentioned.

**W**HEREAS the necessity, number, and continual increase, of the poor within this province, is very great, and exceedingly burthensome, which might be greatly lessened by a due regulation and employment of them;

Preamble.

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 there shall be an alms and work-house erected, built and set up, in the several counties herein after named, at convenient places therein, at the general charge and expence of the respective counties where the said alms and work-houses shall be erected and built; and that the justices of the said county courts respectively; for the time being, shall, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to assess and levy on the taxable inhabitants of each county, at the time of laying their respective county levy, a quantity, not exceeding fifteen pounds, of tobacco, by the poll, on each and every the taxable inhabitants of their said counties, in each of the years of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty-eight, seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, and seventeen hundred and seventy, together with the sheriff's salary of five per cent. for collecting the same; which said assessments, so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the several and respective sheriffs of the said counties, from the several taxable persons, who shall reside within the same, in the same manner as the public and county levies are collected; and the said tobacco, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by such sheriffs, respectively, to such trustees for the poor, or the major part of them, as are by this act appointed; who are hereby authorised and required, to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes herein after directed.

Alms and work-houses to be erected in particular counties, for which the justices are to assess a quantity, not exceeding 15 lb. of tobacco, per poll, in the years 1768, 1769, & 1770, together with the sheriff's salary of 5 per cent. for collection.

To be paid to trustees.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective taxable inhabitants, within every of the said counties, to pay and discharge the said several assessments, in money, in the same manner as they are enabled to pay and discharge the public or county levy:

Which may be discharged by the inhabitants in money, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That, for the time being, the five several persons hereafter named for each county, be and are hereby nominated, appointed and named, trustees for the poor within their several and respective counties, and are empowered with full and sufficient authority, for discharging the several offices, duties and trusts, reposed in and required of them by this act; within the several and respective counties wherein they reside; That is to say, For Anne-Arundel county, Messieurs Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Thomas Dorsey, Nicholas Worthington, Lancelot Jacques, and Upton Scott. For Prince-George's county, Messieurs John Baines, William Bowie, Richard Duckett, John Fendall Beall, and

Five persons in each county appointed trustees for the poor.