

1771.

21. FREDERICK Lord BALTIMORE.

C H A P.
XV.
Proviso.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That before the said officer shall enter upon the execution of his office, he shall take the several oaths, or affirmations, appointed by law to be taken to the government, and repeat and subscribe the oath of abjuration and the test before some justice of the peace.

Continuance.

XIX. This act to continue three years, and unto the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the end of the said three years.

Continued for seven years, &c. by the act of February, 1777, ch. 17, and for two years, &c. by the act of 1784, ch. 83.

C H A P. XVI.

A Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act to enable the justices of Dorchester county court, to assess and levy on the taxable inhabitants of the said county, a quantity of tobacco for the purpose of building a court-house.

The county clerk is directed, before the first day of June next, to remove the books, papers and records, of the court, from the old house to some house in Cambridge, to be provided by the justices, who are authorized to pull down the old court-house, to sell its materials, and to agree for a convenient place to hold their courts, until the new house shall be completed. As the public ground, on which the old house stands, is too small, they are to assess the quantity of 8,000lb. of tobacco, to be paid to the order of the commissioners under the act of September, 1770, ch. 13. These commissioners are empowered to cause the surveyor to lay off, by boundaries, 30 feet in front and 45 feet in depth of a lot adjoining the public ground, belonging to Henry Ennalls, an infant, and the certificate thereof is to be entered among the county records. The said commissioners are further authorized to draw on the sheriff, in favour of Mr. Ennalls's guardian, for £. 40; the sheriff is directed to pay the money, taking a receipt, and such payment shall invest the justices of the county with a fee-simple of the ground so laid off.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT to empower Frank Leeke and George Digges, administrators of Charles Digges, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, with the last will of the same Charles to their letters of administration annexed, to sell a lot of ground of the same Charles, situate and being in the town of Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's county aforesaid, for the payment of the debts of the said Charles Digges. PR.

C H A P. XVIII.

An additional supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor within the several counties therein mentioned.

For want of timely notification of the act of November, 1770, ch. 7, no part of the 10 per poll, having been that year assessed, the county court is directed, instead of the assessments ordered by that act, to assess, in November next, a quantity of tobacco, not exceeding 20lb. per poll.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT to enable the commissioners for emitting bills of credit, to pay to William Mills, John Peacock, Peter Payne, executor of Ralph Price, and Anne Gaither, the sums of money therein mentioned.

Viz. to William Mills 83 dollars, to John Peacock 40 dollars, to Peter Payne 6 dollars, and to Anne Gaither 66½ dollars.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to prevent the exportation of flour, staves and shingles, not merchantable, from the town of Baltimore, in Baltimore county, and to regulate the weight of hay and measure of grain, salt, flax-seed and fire-wood, within the said town, and to prevent the exportation of flour, not merchantable, from Fell's-point, in the said county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that discoveries have lately been made of certain deceits practised by millers and others in the manufacture of flour, large quantities whereof are brought to and sold in the said town of Baltimore and Fell's-point, and from thence exported; and that frequent disputes, and false weight and short measure, happen, as well in the weight of hay, measure of grain, salt and flax-seed, as in the cording and measuring of wood, and advantages are taken of the ignorant and unwary by the deceitful practices of skippers, masters of vessels and boats, the like whereof also happens