

C H A P. X.

An ACT to assess and levy on the taxable inhabitants of AN-Hallows parish in Worcester county, a quantity not exceeding forty-five thousand pounds of tobacco, for the purpose of erecting a chapel of ease in the said parish.

Viz. at two equal assessments in 1774 and 1775, to be paid to John Rolle, Bowdoin Robins, John Selby, Outten Surges, John Parramore, Eliakim Johnson, and Ezekiel Costoff, or to a major part of them, for the purpose of building the said chapel, on an acre of land which they are to purchase near Sandy-hill, or on the land of Michael Tarr.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for building a new church in the city of Annapolis, in Saint-Anne's parish.

John Ridout, Samuel Chafe, William Paca, Upton Scott, and Thomas Hyde, are appointed trustees for building, in Annapolis, an elegant church, which is to be adorned with a steeple. The old church is to be taken down, and its materials are to be disposed of as the trustees shall think proper, to advance the new building, the centre of which is to be the centre of the old church.

The said trustees may either contract for the whole, or any part of the work, or hire workmen and purchase materials for carrying it on. And to enable them to perform their trust, they are empowered to recover all monies already, or which may be, subscribed. These, it is supposed, will amount to £. 3,000. They are likewise to receive from the commissioners of the loan-office, the sum of £. 1,500; and at two equal assessments, in 1774 and 1775, the quantity of 160,000lb. of tobacco to be levied on the parish, and paid to them, or to be recovered by them from the sheriff and his sureties, or their representatives, in an action for money had and received, &c.

In return for the £. 1,500 contributed by the public, there is to be provided a pew for the governor, next to that a large pew for the council, and opposite to it a pew for the speaker, all which are to be properly ornamented. There are to be other pews for the members of the lower house, adjoining thereto a pew for the judges of the provincial court, and next to that a pew for strangers. All these are to be in the most airy, agreeable and commodious part of the church. After these, a pew is to be assigned to the incumbent, another to the wardens, and two others to the provincial juries.

When the whole building shall be completed, four weeks notice is to be given in the Maryland gazette, for subscribers to come and choose their pews, preference being to be given to those who shall have contributed the largest sums, provided they shall each, at one entire subscription, have subscribed £. 5 more than others. Among those in the same class of subscribers the choice shall be given by lot, and the trustees are to choose for absentees. But no subscriber of a less sum than £. 20 shall be entitled to a pew, nor shall any person have more than one pew.

After accommodating such subscribers as shall be entitled, the trustees are to take care that there shall be at least 20 pews to be sold to the parishioners at auction. The amount of money due for taxables, is to be discounted from the price given at this sale, and the money paid shall be applied to defraying the general expence of the building.

In this church there is likewise to be provided a common gallery, or place for parishioners in general, another place for servants, and a third for slaves.

C H A P. XII.

A Supplement to the act to unite the free-schools of Somerset and Worcester counties.

Seven visitors may hereafter constitute a body, and proceed to any business relative to the school.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT for suspending the power of the commissioners for building a court-house and prison in Harford county.

Their power, and all contracts made by them, are suspended till the end of the next session. This act was continued by the act of February, 1777, ch. 17, until the end of the next session. It was again continued for six months, &c. by the act of June, 1777, ch. 1; for three years, &c. by the act of March, 1778, ch. 6; and by the act of May, 1781, ch. 29, until the end of the next session; at which period it expired.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to unite the free-schools of Saint-Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties.

One school for the three counties is to be erected at The Cool Springs. It is to be called Charlotte-hall, and to be governed by a president, and 21 trustees, named in the act, who are to have succession, and be on a footing with visitors of free-schools. Every vacancy is to be filled with a resident of the county in which it shall happen, and a majority of 15, at any time assembled, shall have power to act. Three dividends of the duties for free-schools is to be paid to their orders, and they are empowered to recover, by action on the case, for money had and received, &c. all money in the hands of the former visitors, and all money subscribed to any of the said free-schools of Saint-Mary's, Charles and Prince-George's counties; and a majority of the trustees, residing in each of these counties, may sell, at auction, all the lands belonging to the school of such county. All the money which the trustees shall receive, is appropriated to the building of the said Charlotte-hall, and to other uses of the said school.