

- № 21. *An Act declaring that the Grantees of Land lying within the Indians Land, may have an Action of Trespass against such Persons as cut Timber off their Land on Pretence of having bought the same of the Indians.*

**B**E it hereby Enacted and Declared by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the Falling, Malling, and Carrying away of Timber, or Purchasing or Receiving any Timber, by any Person or Persons upon Pretence of having bought the same of the *Indians*, or upon any unlawful Pretence whatsoever, on or from off any Lands within the Bounds of the *Indians Land*, whereof any other Person or Persons have in him, her, or them, the Fee, be judged, deemed and accounted a Trespass; and whosoever shall purchase or receive, fall, mall, or carry away Timber, as aforesaid, shall be deemed and adjudged Trespassers, and shall be liable to Action or Actions of Trespass; and the Persons grieved shall and may recover their Damages accordingly, as if the Grantee or Patentee aforesaid did actually occupy and enjoy such Land, and had improved it; Any Law, Act of Assembly, or Use to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Pass'd October 3d, 1704.*

*Revis'd May 21st, 1715.*

- № 22. *An Act for the Confirming Titles of Land given to the Use of the Churches and several Chapels within this Province, empowering the Commissioners of the respective Counties, and the Vestries of the respective Parishes, to take up certain Parcels of Land for the Use of the same.*

**W**H E R E A S several Pious and Well-disposed Persons have given and granted unto the respective Parishes, whereto they do belong, certain Parcels of Ground for the Use and Benefit of a Church and Church-Yard, which said Land, through the Neglect of the Vestries, who (by an Act of Assembly of this Province, made at a Sessions of Assembly held at the Port of *Annapolis* the Twentieth Day of *July*, *Anno Domini* One thousand six hundred ninety and six, Intituled, *An Act for the Service of Almighty God, and the Establishment of the Protestant Religion*) were capacitated and impowered, by the Names of the Principal Vestryman, and the rest of his Brethren, Vestrymen of such Parish, to take and receive any Deed of Gift for the same, notwithstanding the Charges of the respective Parishes in Building Churches or Chapels thereon is like to be lost, or the Title thereunto very disputable for want of such Deed of Gift or Conveyance inrolled and recorded, as by an Act of Assembly is required, the first Donors or Granters thereof being dead, and the Heirs of such Donors or Granters either refusing to make over such Land, as aforesaid, or under Age not capable of so doing; Be it therefore Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same,