

An ACT repealing Part of an ACT, entituled,

An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors imported; and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province.

Actea 191.

BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Part of the said Act imposing Nine Pence per Gallon on Rum, Spirits, Wine and Brandy, to be imported from Pennsylvania and the Territories thereto belonging, by Land, shall be utterly repealed and made void.

part of a former Act repealed,

Provided always, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to exempt Persons bringing any of the said Liquors from Pennsylvania by Land, from paying the Duty of Three Pence per Gallon for the same, which Duty shall be and is hereby declared to be still due and payable, subject to the same Discounts and Allowances with the Duty on any of the said Liquors imported from other Places: Any Thing in this or any other Law to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided it be not construed to exempt Persons from Paying Three pence a Gallon on Rum, &c. brought from Pennsylvania.

An ACT for securing the Rights and Inheritances

of sundry the Inhabitants within this Province, against certain Impositions, by Pretence of suspected Deeds.

WHEREAS one *William Vanbaesdonck Riddlefden*, who now calls himself *William Cornwallis*, a Person of a matchless Character in Infamy, whilst he continued in this Province under his Transportation for Felony, by Corruption and other sinister Means, got free Access to the Lands-Records of this Province, and made large Abstracts therefrom of the Rights of vast Quantities of Land that have long continued in the peaceable and uninterrupted Possession of the present Possessors; and with Intent to impose on the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, laid before his Lordship the Abstract of several considerable Tracts of Land granted to one *Thomas Cornwallis*, Esq; formerly a Person residing within this Province, (many of which Tracts have been Sold by the said *Thomas Cornwallis*) pretending a Right thereto by Purchase or Descent; which Abstract was Signed *John Evans*, Attorney, as a Person attesting the same to be true; whereas there was not any Attorney in *Maryland*, nor hath been (if ever) in a great many Years, of that Name; and never any that had Recourse to the Records: So that the said Abstract appears evidently to be a Forgery and Imposition.

One Riddlefden, a Person of a bad Character,

Having got Access to the Land-Records, made large Abstracts therefrom, with vile Designs of imposing on the Lord Proprietor and others;

And forg'd Witnesses to attest his Abstracts.

And, forasmuch as it appears that during the Time of such his the said *Riddlefden's* Access, there were some Parts of the Records found cut out, and for some Defects of Assignments or in other Measne Conveyances, which probably were occasioned by the male Practice of the said *Riddlefden*, or such like evil-designing Persons.

And some Parts of the Records being cut out, probably by him.

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