

ACT for quieting the Possession of the
Passed September 23d, 1723. } Indians, inhabiting on Nanticoke
 and Choptank Rivers.

THE *Nanticoke* Indians shall, during their staying upon and not deserting the same, hold, occupy and possess a free, peaceable and uninterrupted Possession of all that Tract of Land, lying between the Northwest Fork of *Nanticoke* River and *Chicucone* Creek.

THEY shall not sell, dispose of, or lease for term of Years, any part or parcel of the same.

THE *Choptank* Indians, during their Residence on and not deserting the same, shall quietly and peaceably enjoy that Tract of Land, lying in *Dorchester* County, on *Choptank* River, surveyed and laid out for them by the Commissioners appointed thereto by the Assembly; and they shall not, on any Pretence whatever, alienate, dispose, sell or let to farm any part or parcel of the same, (except what lies to the Eastward, Southward and Westward of those Lines, formerly run from Secretary *Serwel's* Creek, to the bounded Tree of *William Dorington*) such Purchases or Leases, being by this Act declared void and null.

It is Provided, that any Purchases from the *Choptank* Indians shall be made when they are sober, of sound and perfect Memory, and the Consideration agreed for, paid or secured to be paid before executing the Deeds; which Deeds must be acknowledged before the Justices of the County Court sitting, or before one or more of his Lordships Council else to be void and of no effect.

ACT for quieting the Differences that
 have arisen, and may hereafter arise,
Passed April 8th, 1756. } between the Inhabitants of this pro-
 vince, and the several Indian Nations;
 and for punishing Trespasses committed
 on their Lands.

THE Justices of the County Courts are impowered, in a summary Manner, upon Petition exhibited, to hear and determine all Manner of Controversies and Differences, Claims and Demands of what Nature or Kind soever, which shall happen or arise between the Inhabitants and *Indians*, in private and personal Controversies; and award Judgment thereon, so as the same always exceed the Sum of *Twenty Shillings* Sterling, and on such their Judgments, may issue Execution with Costs, as in other Suits.

AND whereas, (notwithstanding the Laws of the Province,) severals have rented Lands of the *Indians*, without paying the Rent agreed to be paid; the Justices are likewise impowered to award Judgments, and issue Executions thereon, for the Rent that shall appear to be due.