

killed, one half for the Support of Government, the other half to the Informer or Suer for the same.

If any Ranger or his Deputy take up or kill any wild neat Cattle, Horse or Mare in any Island, Pasture or other inclosed Ground, belonging to any Inhabitant without the Leave of the Owner of the same, he shall forfeit for every Beast taken up or killed as above, the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds* of Tobacco, one half towards the defraying the County Charge, where the Offence is committed, the other half to the Party grieved or the Person that shall sue for the same.

ALL stoned Horses shall be kept within good sufficient Inclosures, and in case any stoned Horse, that has been taken up and broke fit for use, shall happen to be found loose and out of such Inclosures, it shall and may be lawful for any Person to take up and impound him in some open Pound, and there to detain him on the Risque of the Owner, till he, having convenient Notice, comes and pays to the Person so impounding, the Sum of *Five Shillings*, or *Sixty Pounds* of Tobacco.

BUT in Case any stoned Colts, above Eighteen Months old, or stoned Horse unbroke, shall at any time be found loose in the Woods or out of said Inclosure, it shall and may be lawful for any Person whatsoever, to shoot or otherwise kill and destroy such stoned Horse or Colt, without being accountable to the Owner; and if sued therefor, may plead the general Issue, giving this Act in Evidence.

It shall not be lawful for any Person, not having Land of his own, nor renting a Plantation, to keep any breeding Mare or Mares in the Woods, upon Penalty of *Six Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco for every breeding Mare by such Person owned and kept, one half towards defraying the County Charge, the other half to the Informer or Person who shall sue for the same.

Passed May 8th, 1750. } Supplementary ACT to the above Act.

THE Party grieved who shall take up any Mare or Gelding (whose Owner is unknown,) trespassing on his Grounds, shall be obliged to put up the Account of his Marks, taken by the Magistrate, (as directed in the above Act) at the Court House Door and other publick Places in the County where taken up, within Five Days after such Account is taken; as also cause the Marks, both natural and artificial, of such Horse, Mare or Gelding, to be recorded in the Records of the County Court, in Five Days after taken, and published in the *Maryland Gazette* in Six Months after taken; the Expences of all which, shall be paid by the Owner; and any Person neglecting to publish, as by this Act directed, shall forfeit for every Offence, *Thirty Pounds* current Money, one half to the Informer, the other half to the Party grieved.

THIS Act is declared to continue for Three Years, &c. and is further continued from time to time, till April 8th, 1757, when it is again continued for the same Space of time.