

Passed October }
2d, 1753. } An ACT to prevent the injuring the Na-
vigation to *Baltimore-Town*, and to
the Inspecting House at *Elkridge*
Landing on *Patapsco* River.

IT is enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons, to put or lay, or to permit or allow, his or their Servants or Slaves or any Servants or Slaves under his or their Direction, to carry, put or throw into the said River, or any of the navigable Branches thereof, any Earth, Sand, or Dirt, or to lay or put on the Beach or Shore of the said River, below High Water Mark, any Earth, Sand or Dirt, unless such Earth, Sand or Dirt, be first well secured by Stone Walls, dove tailed Log Pens or other ways, so that no such Earth, Sand or Dirt, may wash into the said River or navigable Branches thereof, to fill up the Channel, or any way injure the Navigation of the said River or navigable Branches thereof as aforesaid, and that every Person so offending, shall for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Five Pounds* current Money, to be recovered before one Magistrate, as in Case of small Debts; one Moiety of such Forfeiture to the Use of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, for the Support of the Government, the other to him or them that will sue for the same.

Passed April }
26th, 1737. } An ACT for the more effectual Punish-
ment of certain Offenders, and for
taking from them the Benefit of Cler-
gy.

ANY Person or Persons who shall break into any Tobacco House or other Outhouses whatsoever, and steal from thence any Goods or Chattels, to the Value of *Five Shillings* Sterling, or who shall counsel, hire, command, aid or abet, any Person or Persons to commit the said Offences, or who shall be Accessaries to any of the said Offences, and be thereof convict by Confession, upon his, her or their Arraignment, Verdict of a Jury or be outlawed, or who shall obstinately or out of Malice, stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above twenty, shall suffer as a Felon or Felons without the Benefit of Clergy.

PROVIDED always, that such Tobacco House or other Outhouses shall be well boarded, or otherwise substantially built, and the Door or Doors thereof secured with a Lock or Locks, or bolted in the Inside or nailed.

ANY Person or Persons, who shall steal any Ship, Sloop or other Vessel whatsoever out of any Place within the Body of any County