

C H A P. XCIX.

An ACT declaring the act, entitled, (a) An act for the punishment of persons suborning witnesses, and committing wilful and corrupt perjury, to be in force. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 215. Passé 9th of Dec. 1704.

(a) Made 1692, ch. 16, hereby continued in force to the end of the next session of assembly. This same act is also continued for the same time, by ch. 94, of this session. Expired.

C H A P. C.

An ACT declaring an act, entitled, An act for sanctifying and keeping holy the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, to be perpetual. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 215. Repealed 1723, ch. 16.

C H A P. CI.

An ACT declaring an act, entitled, * An act concerning Indians, to be in force. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 216. Expired at the end of the session after. 1692, ch. 6.

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the TOWN and PORT of ANNAPOLIS, in Anne-Arundel county, on the 15th, and ended the 25th day of May, 1705, and in the 4th year of her Majesty's reign, were enacted the laws following.

JOHN SEYMOUR, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the relief of Anne-Arundel county, and all persons concerned in the records thereof, lately burned. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 217. Passed 25th of May, 1705.

1. The governor empowered to appoint seven or more commissioners, whereof any three or more, from time to time, to hear and determine all differences, claims, &c. between any inhabitants, or other persons, interested in the lands lying within the county aforesaid, &c. summarily, and without the formality and proceedings in courts of law, or equity, either upon the verdict or inquisition of jurors, testimony of witnesses upon oath, examination of parties interested, or by all or any the said ways, or otherwise, according to their discretions. 2. The judgment or sentence of the said commissioners, or any three or more of them, to be final between the said parties, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and all claiming by, from or under them, &c. The said commissioners always giving timely notice, of not less than sixteen days, of the time and place of their sitting. 3. Saving the right of all persons under age, non sane memoria, feme-coverts, and persons nonresident within this province, during such time as they shall continue so, who are allowed to prosecute their claims within twelve months after such disability removed; and unless any party dissatisfied therewith, shall appeal therefrom, within thirty days, to such commissioners as the governor for the time being shall authorize, not exceeding five in number, whereof the major part, if all such commissioners meet, or two, in case only three meet, to determine finally thereon, without farther appeal or review. 4. For better discovery of peoples rights to lands, claimed before them, the commissioners are empowered to issue precepts to the sheriff and surveyor of the said county, to survey, and make returns to the said commissioners, pursuant to the tenor of such precepts and warrants, &c. 5. The judgments and determinations made between party and party, by virtue of this act, to be recorded in a fair book or books, &c. and every such judgment or determination to be signed by three or more of the said commissioners; which book or books, when perfected, to be placed and intrusted in the custody of the clerk of Anne-Arundel county, among the records of the said county, that all persons concerned may repair to view the same, &c.

By the act of 1710, ch. 16, this act is declared to have always hitherto been in as full force and effect as if the same had never been repealed; provided no person concerned therewith be allowed to make their claims, by virtue thereof, after the 20th June, 1720, saving to infants, married women, persons of unsound mind, imprisoned, or beyond seas, the liberty of making such their claims at any time within twelve months after such impediment removed.

The act of 1723, ch. 20, empowers the justices of Anne-Arundel county court to act and proceed according to the intent and meaning of this act of 1705, ch. 1, in all matters and things therein mentioned, as if commission for that purpose had issued to them, according to the directions of the said act, &c.

By the act of 1751, ch. 15, the special records of Anne-Arundel county, formed in pursuance of this act of 1705, ch. 1, are established.

C H A P. II.

An ACT empowering major Nicholas Lowe, executor of the last will and testament of William Edmondson, late of Dorchester county, deceased, to sell a certain tract of land, lying in Dorchester county, called Richardson's Choice, formerly purchased by the said William Edmondson of and from one John Nichols, for payment of a debt due from the said William Edmondson to the said John Nichols, for the remaining part of the original purchase for the said land. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 220. A Private Act.

C H A P. III.

An ACT confirming a certain letter of attorney from William Joseph, Esquire, the father, to William Joseph, his son. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 221. A Private Act.