

C H A P. IV.

An ACT against forging and counterfeiting of foreign coins, gold or silver. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 281. Passed 15th of April, 1707.

PORASMUCH as divers evil disposed persons have of late forged and counterfeited several foreign coins, commonly received amongst her majesty's subjects of this province for current in payment, to the great damage of her majesty's said subjects, being thereunto encouraged for that there has not heretofore been any condign punishment by law provided for such offenders; wherefore, and in order to deter such like offenders for the future from such evil and pernicious practices,

IT IS ENACTED, by the Queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of her majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and the authority of the same, That if any person or persons, after the publication of this act, falsely forge, counterfeit, or (a) clip, any such kind of coin of gold or silver, as is not the proper coin of the kingdom of England, or shall aid, assist or abett any offender or offenders doing the same, either by concealing them, or by any other ways or means countenance such offenders in their said offences, every such offender, his aiders, abettors and countenancers therein, for the first offence shall be whipped, pillored, and cropped in both ears, and for the second offence shall be branded on the cheek, and banished, upon due conviction in any of her majesty's courts of record within this province.

(a) Such part of this act as relates to clipping, is repealed by 1729, ch. 2.

C H A P. V.

An ACT for preventing the exportation of tobacco out of this province by land, before the duties payable be paid, or well secured, to the several officers appointed or to be appointed for receiving the same. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 282.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for suspending, during the queen's pleasure, the prosecution of the priests of the Roman communion, incurring the penalties of the (a) act to prevent the growth of popery in this province, by exercising their function in a private family of the Roman communion, but in no other case whatsoever. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 284.

(a) 1704, ch. 59, which is repealed 1718, ch. 4.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT confirming the last will and testament of Thomas Knighton, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 287. A Private Act.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT for removing of Thomas Howel, now lying under execution for debt in the custody of the sheriff of Cecil county, into the custody of the sheriff of Kent county. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 288. A Private Act.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for recording in the commissary-general's office several copies of wills and inventories, and other proceedings of the late deputy-commissary of Dorchester county. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 291.

N. B. Humphrey Hubbard, deputy-commissary, having taken the probat of several wills, inventories of estates, and accounts of executors and administrators, which he (carrying over the bay to the commissary-general's office) lost, by the accidental burning of his boat, and papers therein; but having copies of the same, which he affirmed by oath to be true, they are by this act to be recorded, and taken and reputed as the originals, &c.

C H A P. X.

An ACT for naturalization of John Francis Holland, of Baltimore county. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 293. A Private Act.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT explaining some doubtful expressions in the act for limitation of officers fees. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 295.

This act was to endure so long as the original act of 1704, ch. 86, should remain in force, and expired, together with the said act, the 10th May, 1718.

C H A P. XII.

An ACT giving power to the farmers of the lord Baltimore's rents to recover the arrears thereof after expiration of their lease. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 296. A Private Act.

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