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intents and purposes whatsoever, within the same charter mentioned and expressed; subject nevertheless to the several restrictions and explanations herein specified and declared; that is to say, that it shall in no wise be intended, construed, meant or taken, so infringing the liberties and privileges of the public, either in regard to the public lands and buildings by them heretofore purchased and built, but that the same shall be reserved and continued for ever to the uses and purposes to which they have already been allotted; and that all and every the judges and justices of the several courts of judicature which have usually held their courts within the same city, in the public court-house thereof, shall and may continue so to do; and the justices, commissioners and sheriff of Anne-Arundel county shall have, hold and exercise their jurisdiction, in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes, in the port of Annapolis, as heretofore had been usual.

By-laws to affect the inhabitants only, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND DECLARED, That the by-laws to be made by the said corporation shall not affect or be binding to any other the inhabitants of this province, but wholly restrained to the inhabitants and residents of the said city; and that the clause in the said charter, empowering the corporation to set toll on horses, cattle, and other commodities, to be sold on the two fair days, of the first of May and of St. Michael the arch-angel, yearly, shall not in anywise enure, be construed or extended, to empowering the corporation to assess any toll or impost upon cattle, goods, wares or merchandises whatsoever, to be sold therein, if the goods, wares or merchandises should not amount to the value of twenty shillings current money, but if it exceed twenty shillings value, and not above five pounds current money, then the sum of six pence shall be paid for the fee or toll thereof, and for all goods, &c. exceeding in value five pounds current money, then it shall be lawful to assess the sum of twelve-pence current money for the fee or toll thereof, and no more.

Half wages allowed.

IV. AND, whereas the citizens and burgesses of the several boroughs in England have formerly been allowed but half wages, in respect to the salary of the knights of the shires, BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, That the citizens, representing the city of Annapolis, shall only be allowed half the wages to the delegates and representatives, as is and shall be allowed to the delegates of the several counties of this province, and no more.

W. Hunt qualified.

V. AND, Whereas Wornell Hunt, Esquire, the present recorder of the said city, is not yet qualified for that trust, by reason he hath not been resident in this province during the term of three years, nevertheless the said Wornell Hunt, by virtue of this act, shall be deemed, and is hereby qualified and enabled, to hold and execute the said office of recorder of the city aforesaid, any law, statute, usage or custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Town common, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, by the advice and consent aforesaid, That the land called the Town Common be reserved and remain to the use of the proper owner or owners, unless the citizens can make it appear to have made satisfaction for the same, the next session of assembly.

Passed 17th of Dec. 1708.

C H A. P. VIII.
An ACT ascertaining fees to the attorneys and practitioners of the law in the courts of this province, and for levying of the same by way of execution. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 364.

For three years, &c. Contained 1712, ch. 19, for three years, &c. Repealed 1715, ch. 49, and 1719, ch. 16.

C H A. P. IX.
An ACT for payment and assessment of the public charge of this province, and giving time to the sheriffs to demand public dues till the first of March this present year, 1708. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 367.

C H A. P. X.
An ACT ascertaining what damages shall be allowed upon protested bills of exchange. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 369. Repealed 1715, ch. 49, and 1719, ch. 16.

C H A. P. XI.
An ACT empowering certain trustees to sell a tract of land in Talbot county, called Frankford St. Michael's, late the estate and inheritance of William Harris, late of Calvert county, and with the money thereby arising to purchase other lands for the use of Joseph Harris and Benjamin Harris, sons of the said William Harris, and the heirs of their bodies, according to the direction of the last will and testament of the said William Harris. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 370. A Private Act.

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