

C H A P. IV. the want of the said articles, writings or evidences, or any other grant or conveyance of the aforesaid lot, from the said Francis Nicholson, Esquire, notwithstanding.

Rep'or, &c. to meet, &c.

III. AND, inasmuch as the said rector, governors and visitors, lie under great difficulties in procuring a meeting of a competent number of the said governors and visitors, as by the present law for the free-schools is directed to meet and consult, and make orders for the better management of the said schools, the appertinances and incidents thereto, **BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED**, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said rector, and any number of the said governors and visitors not less than five, on any special occasion so requiring, to meet together, consult, direct and manage the affairs of the said schools, and execute the several powers and authorities in the aforesaid act prescribed, without being under the necessity of having the majority of the members of the corporation present at such meetings; and that such orders, rules and directions, as shall by the rector and such number of the visitors aforesaid, not less than five as aforesaid, made and given, shall be of as good efficacy and force as if they were made and given by the majority of the members of that corporation, any law, statute, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed 3d of June, 1715.

C H A P. V.
An ACT to supply certain defects in the conveying of lands from Matthew Beard to Stephen Wright, and from Stephen Wright to Samuel Chambers, of Anne Arundel county, gent. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 123. A Private Act.

C H A P. VI.
An ACT to supply an omission in the writing the last will and testament of Raphael Haywood, late of St. Mary's county, gentleman, deceased, and for settling an estate of inheritance in fee-simple on Robert Scott, clerk, and Charles Neal, planter, the executors and devisees in the said will named. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 125. A Private Act.

C H A P. VII.
An ACT ascertaining what damages shall be allowed upon protested bills of exchange. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 127.

Repealed 1785, ch. 38. Provided that all bills of exchange drawn before the passage of the repealing act, and already or thereafter protested, are to be subject to the regulations contained in the act repealed.

C H A P. VIII.
An ACT to confirm and make valid in law all manner of process and proceedings in the several courts of this province, from the demise of her late majesty queen Anne, of pious memory, to the end of this present session of assembly. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 128.

C H A P. IX.
An ACT declaring the continuance of the payment of the twelve-pence per hoghead from the death of the late right honourable Charles lord Baltimore until the twenty-ninth day of September next. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 129.

C H A P. X.
An ACT relating to the standard of English weights and measures. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 130.

A Supplementary act November, 1765, ch. 1.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the standards of English weights and measures are very much impaired in several of the counties of this province, and in some wholly lost, or unfit for use,

Justices to complete their standards, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the King's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of his majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly of this province, and the authority of the same, That the justices of the several county courts shall, by all convenient speed, at the charge of their respective counties, cause the standards they already have to be made complete, and purchase new standards where they have none; and for the better preservation of them for the future, that they take good and sufficient security, in his majesty's name, to the use of the county where taken, from the persons that shall be intrusted by them to keep such standard, in the penal sum of fifty pounds sterling, for the safe keeping such standard, and for the due execution of the office of standard-keeper, and for the delivering the same up in the like good order they receive the same, when they shall be legally discharged from such trust, under the penalty of five hundred pounds of tobacco for each justice of that county court that shall omit to do what is required of them by this act, the one half to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of government, the other half to the informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the