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CHAPTER VIII

Passed 8th of June, 1717.

An ACT for punishment of such as shall counterfeit the lord proprietary's greater or lesser seal at arms within this province. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 371.

Penalty for counterfeiting the great seal, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, any person or persons whatsoever that shall presume to counterfeit the great seal of this province for the time being, or the sign manual or seal at arms of the lord proprietary of this province, or any other the public seals of this province, and shall, within this province, make use of any such counterfeit seal or sign manual of the said lord proprietary, or his heirs, or any other the public seals of this province, or shall steal away any of the said true seals, or without lawful warrant or authority shall falsely or corruptly, or with evil intent, affix any of them to any deed, warrant or writing, and shall afterwards within this province publish or make any use of any such deed, warrant or writing, as if such respective seals had been affixed thereunto by such lawful warrant and authority as aforesaid, shall forfeit to the right honourable the lord proprietary, and his heirs, all his goods and chattels, lands and tenements, whereof such offender shall be possessed at the time of committing the same offence, the one half thereof to be applied towards the support of a public school within the county where the offence shall be committed, the other half to the informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, and shall be whipped with thirty-nine lashes on his bare back, stand in the pillory two whole hours, and be banished the province for ever.

CHAPTER IX

A Supplementary act to the act for ascertaining the bounds of land within this province. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 372.

Expired with the original act on the 1st June, 1719.

CHAPTER X

An ACT for laying an additional duty of twenty shillings current money per poll on all Irish servants, being papists, to prevent the growth of popery by the importation of too great number of them into this province, and also the additional duty of twenty shillings current money per poll on all negroes, for raising a fund for the use of public schools within the several counties of this province. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 374.

CHAPTER XI

An ACT empowering John Oldham, of Talbot county, gentleman, to erect and build a wind-mill in the town and port of Oxford, on the town point, in Talbot county. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 375. A Private Act.

CHAPTER XII

An ACT for the better security of Mary Smithson, widow, and executrix of the last will and testament of colonel Thomas Smithson, in the payment of a debt due from the said colonel Smithson's estate to the free-schools of Maryland. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 376. A Private Act.

CHAPTER XIII

* 1715, ch. 44.

A Supplementary act to the * act relating to servants and slaves. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 377.

Another supplementary act passed 1728, ch. 4.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it may be of very dangerous consequence to admit and allow as evidences in law, in any of the courts of record, or before any magistrate within this province, any negro or mulatto slave, or free negro, or mulatto born of a white woman, during their servitude appointed by law, or any Indian slave, or free Indian natives of this or the neighbouring provinces;

No negro, &c. to be admitted as evidence, &c.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, no negro or mulatto slave, free negro, or mulatto born of a white woman, during his time of servitude by law, or any Indian slave, or free Indian natives, of this or the neighbouring provinces, be admitted and received as good and valid evidence in law, in any matter or thing whatsoever depending before any court of record, or before any magistrate within this province, wherein any christian white person is concerned.

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