

C H A P. III.

negroes and Irish papists now is, the other half to the informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, if on indictments or actions criminal, if otherwise, to the party grieved only, to be recovered in the court where the forfeiture shall happen, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law to be allowed.

And to petit jurors.

III. AND BE IT LIKEWISE ENACTED, That every petit juror summoned to any county court shall be allowed for every day such juror shall attend (by force of such summons,) the sum of fifteen pounds of tobacco; over and above the aforesaid one hundred and twenty pounds of tobacco, or twelve shillings to each jury, for each cause, and no more, the aforesaid fifteen pounds of tobacco per day to each juror in each county court to be paid by the county, in the same manner as the jurors of the provincial court are allowed by the public.

See the note under 1715, ch. 37.

C H A P. IV.

Passed 6th of June, 1719.

An ACT for the better supporting the magistrates in the administration of justice within this province. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 425.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is obvious to this present session of assembly, that there is an absolute necessity of a law for the better preserving the honour, dignity and authority of his lordship, in the persons of his magistrates in the administration of justice, from the insults, affronts and indecent demeanor before them, of the practitioners of the law, and other officers and persons, that have hitherto been so frequent in all the courts of this province; as well as out of court;

Courts may punish practitioners, &c.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietor, 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 the several magistrates, judges of the several courts within this province, be and are hereby authorized and strictly required, to observe the demeanor of all practitioners of the law before them, as well as all ministerial officers, or other persons who shall use any indecent liberties to the lessening the grandeur and authority of their respective courts, and to discountenance and punish the same, according to the nature of the offence, either by suspending such practitioner of the law from their practice, perpetually, or for a time, or to punish such practitioners, or ministerial officers or other persons, by fine, at the discretion of such court before whom such offence shall be committed, not exceeding four thousand pounds of tobacco in the superior courts, nor two thousand pounds of tobacco in the several county courts, within this province, on each offender, for any one offence.

Magistrates to observe the conduct of persons, &c.

III. AND LIKEWISE, All and every the several magistrates, in the execution of their office out of court, are hereby required, in like manner, to observe the carriage and demeanor of all persons whatsoever that shall come before them; and if any person or persons shall behave themselves indecently towards any of them (or contemn their authority when lawfully required to assist them,) in the execution of their office, or otherwise, it shall and may be lawful for any of the several courts within this province, upon information to them made by any such magistrate or magistrates, against any person or persons who have so misbehaved themselves, or contemned their authority, without any formality in law, to call such offender or offenders before them, and punish them by fine, imprisonment, or by setting in the stocks, at their discretion, the fine not to exceed one thousand pounds of tobacco each offender, the imprisonment not to exceed two days, nor the setting in the stocks above two hours, for any one offence, all which fines to be levied by way of execution, and by such court applied towards the maintaining a public school in the county where such offence is committed.

Proviso.

IV. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That nothing in this act shall be construed to lessen the authorities vested by law in the several courts, or in any of the magistrates, before the making of this act.

C H A P. V.

An ACT for the vesting and settling an estate of inheritance, in fee-simple, of and in a certain parcel or lot of ground in the city of Annapolis, containing one hundred and twenty feet in length, on Robert Johnson, of Anne-Arundel county, ship carpenter. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 427. A Private Act.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT to confirm a tract of land therein mentioned to the rector or minister of St. John's parish, in Baltimore county, and his successors, for ever. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 428.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT empowering a committee to lay, assess and apportion the public levy for this present year, one thousand seven hundred and nineteen. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 429.

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