

C H A P. VIII. *Proviso.* VI. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, *of the authority aforesaid.* That the commissioners and evidences, for their service and attendance, shall have and be entitled to the same allowances as justices and evidences in the county courts are, and that the same shall be levied in the same manner as officers fees are.

C H A P. IX. Passed 26th of October, 1723. An ACT for the relief of George Reins, of Talbot county, gentleman. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 590. A Private Act.

C H A P. X. An ACT for the relief of William Jarvis and William Griffin, languishing prisoners in Calvert county. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 590. A Private Act.

C H A P. XI. 1704, ch. 27. An ACT repealing such part of an act of assembly, entitled, * An act for laying an imposition on several commodities exported out of this province, as relates to the laying an impost or duty on furs and skins only, and for laying an imposition on pork, pitch and tar, in lieu thereof. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 591.

C H A P. XII. An ACT for the advancement of justice. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 592. To be in force three years. Continued 1727, ch. 5, 1731, ch. 1, and 1735, ch. 18, and with its supplementary act of 1730, ch. 10, and explanatory act 1732, ch. 6, expired in 1740.

C H A P. XIII. An ACT for the relief of Elizabeth Major, of Prince George's county, by empowering her, notwithstanding her coverture, to lease for her life the lands therein mentioned. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 595. A Private Act.

C H A P. XIV. 1728, ch. 8. A Supplementary act to an act, entitled, * An act declaring the rights of three lots, originally laid out in Annapolis, for the uses therein mentioned. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 596.

C H A P. XV. An ACT to prevent the tumultuous meetings and other irregularities of negroes and other slaves. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 596. Supplementary, &c. acts, are 1751, ch. 14, and 1753, ch. 26.

Preamble. WHEREAS this present session of assembly have had under their consideration the evil consequences that do and may attend the suffering of negro and other slaves to meet in great numbers on Sabbath and other holydays, and keeping of horses, cattle or hogs of their own;

Constables to be appointed, &c. II. BE IT 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 the authority of the same, That the justices of the several and respective county courts within this province be and they are hereby empowered and required, immediately after the publication of this act, and so yearly in November court, to appoint the constable of every hundred, where the said justices, at their discretion, shall think proper and expedient, to suppress the assembling and tumultuous meeting of negroes and other slaves; and that every constable so to be appointed, shall be obliged to repair once a month to all suspected places within his hundred; and if at any such place he shall find any negroes or other slaves, besides the negroes or other slaves belonging to the owner of such place, not having a licence under their owner or overseer's hand, that it shall and may be lawful for the constable, and he is by this act required, to whip every such negro on the bare back, at his discretion, not exceeding thirty-nine stripes.

May pres. assistance, &c. III. AND, to the end that every constable may be enabled to put this act in due execution, BE IT ENACTED, That it may be lawful for the constable to require, as many persons as may be necessary to repair with him to such places, and that every person that shall be so required, and shall refuse, shall forfeit one hundred pounds of tobacco, to be recovered and applied as hereafter expressed, and all white persons (being free) that shall be present, shall aid and assist such constable, on pain of forfeiting one hundred pounds of tobacco, to the lord proprietor, one half to the use of the county, and the other to the informer, on being convict by the oath of the constable, or other lawful witness, or confession.