

Passed 4th of  
Nov. 1724.

An ACT for the naturalization of John Swineyard, of Baltimore County, planter. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 11. A Private Act.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT for confirming a certain deed of settlement made by Robert Proctor of certain lands and tenements therein mentioned, to his then wife Rachel, now called Rachel Freeborn, and to invest the said Rachel with other lands, in pursuance of one deed of gift settlement. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 12. A Private Act.

C H A P. IX.

1715, ch. 36. An ACT repealing part of an act, entitled, \* An act laying an imposition on negroes, and several sorts of liquors imported, and also on Irish servants, to prevent the importing too great a number of Irish papists into this province. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 15.

C H A P. X.

An ACT for securing the rights and inheritances of sundry the inhabitants within this province against certain impositions, by pretence of suspected deeds. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 15. A Private Act.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for the relief of sundry languishing prisoners therein mentioned. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 17. A Private Act.

C H A P. XII.

An ACT to enable John Cheney, and Mary his wife, to sell in fee-simple three hundred acres, part of a tract of land called Waterford, notwithstanding the same is specially entailed on the heirs of the body of the said Mary, by Benjamin Williams, of Anne-Arundel county. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 22. A Private Act.

C H A P. XIII.

1704, ch. 21. A Supplementary act to the act, entitled, \* An act for the marking of highways, and making the heads of rivers, creeks, branches and swamps, passable for horse and foot. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 23.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this present general assembly, that the several bridges that have been heretofore made over the heads of rivers, creeks, branches, swamps, and other low and miry places, are very much broken and out of repair, and several new bridges are still wanting, and that it is the general complaint of the overseers of the highways, that they are rendered incapable of repairing the old, or making new ones, being forewarned by the owners of the adjacent lands from cutting any trees necessary for such repairing or making of bridges;

Overseers to  
cut down trees,  
&c.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same, That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective overseers of the highways within this province, and they are hereby empowered, as often as need shall require, for repairing and making of bridges over the heads of rivers, creeks, branches, swamps, or other low and miry places, to cut down, or cause to be cut down, any tree or trees growing on any of the next adjacent lands to such bridges necessary to be made or repaired, and the same trees to maul, or cause to be mauled, and carried from off such adjacent lands, and applied to the making and necessary repairs of such bridges as aforesaid.

By an additional supplementary act to the original act, passed 1705, ch. 37, the owners of such trees shall have compensation from the county, to be ascertained by the oath of the overseers, &c. who are directed, under a penalty, to make return thereof; and by the same act, the overseers are directed to remove all trees, gravel, &c. that may lodge near a bridge, so as to obstruct the water.

Proviso.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the trees allowed to be cut down, in manner and for the use aforesaid, be not such as are fit to make clapboards, or cooper's timber, nor for the building or repairing any bridges that are built or maintained at a public or county charge.

For the counties to which this act extends, see the note under the act of 1704, ch. 21.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT for the relief of the devisees of James Philips, the elder, and Anthony Philips, late of Baltimore county, deceased. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 23. A Private Act. Repealed 1732, ch. 16.

C H A P.