

Passed 6th of Nov. 1725.

AN ACT for destroying squirrels, &c. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 42.

C. H. A. P. III.

An ACT for relieving the inhabitants of this province from sundry aggrivances they lie under, occasioned by the scarcity of tobacco within this province in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-four. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 44.

C. H. A. P. IV.

An ACT declaring female mulattoes born of white women, and free negro women, to be taxables. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 45.

C. H. A. P. V.

An ACT reviving and continuing an act of assembly of this province, entitled, (a) An act for the better relief of poor debtors. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 46.

(a) 1722, ch. 13, hereby continued three years, &c.

C. H. A. P. VI.

An ACT to prevent several irregularities complained of by the people called Quakers. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 47.

Supplementary, &c. acts, 1747, ch. 17, and 1752, ch. 14.

WHEREAS it is humbly represented to this present general assembly, by the people called Quakers, that sundry persons set up booths, and sell drink and other things, near their yearly meeting-houses within this province, whereby those places, which were by them intended and used as places of solemn worship, are converted into places of traffic, debauchery and immorality, to their very great disturbance in the exercise of their religion, and the worship of God; and forasmuch as the several methods heretofore used for the suppression of such irregularities have proved altogether ineffectual, it is humbly prayed that it may be enacted,

Preamble.

II. AND 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 whosoever, from and after the publication hereof, shall presume either to set up a booth, or sell or dispose of any liquor, or other matter or thing whatsoever, either by land or water, within one mile of the yearly meeting-house (of the said people called Quakers,) in Talbot county, or within two miles of their yearly meeting-house near West river, in Anne-Arundel county, during the time of such yearly meetings, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay unto the right honourable the lord proprietary, his heirs and successors, the sum of ten pounds current money of Maryland, one half thereof to be applied to the use of the public school of the county where such offence shall be committed, the other half, to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law to be allowed.

Penalty for setting up booths, &c.

By 1752, ch. 14, no liquors shall be sold at such times within 3 miles of the said meeting-houses, on penalty of £5 currency.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That upon complaint made to any justice of the peace for the county where such offence shall be committed, the said justice is hereby required immediately to issue his warrant to cause the said offender to be brought before him, and upon proof made to him of the premises, by the oath (or affirmation if a quaker,) of one credible witness, or confession of the party, to commit the said offender to prison until he shall remove such booth, liquor, or other things, from without the bounds aforesaid, and give sufficient security to answer for the said offence at the next court to be held for the county where it shall be committed.

Duty of a magistrate, &c.

IV. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That this act shall not be construed to hinder any ordinary-keeper from selling liquors in their respective dwelling-houses.

Proviso.

See 1752, ch. 14, section 3.

C. H. A. P. VII.

An ACT to confirm an estate in fee-simple to such persons as already have, or hereafter shall purchase, any the lands lying in the new town, commonly called the addition to the city of Annapolis, or any land adjoining to the said city of Annapolis, commonly called the town pasture or common; and

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