

and to invest them with the same privileges within the city of Annapolis, as other the freeholders therein now have, or hereafter may enjoy. Lib. L. No. 4. fol. 48.

By this act, 1. Lots or parcels of ground already purchased, or hereafter to be purchased from the respective proprietors, either in the addition to the city of Annapolis, or the town pasture, shall be carefully surveyed, numbered in the usual manner, and returned into the mayor's court office. 2. Such purchasers, their heirs and assigns, shall hold an absolute estate in fee-simple in such lots, and by virtue of such purchase, and building a dwelling-house with 400 foot of flooring, besides garrets or roofs, shall, for every quarter of an acre so improved, enjoy all the privileges of freeholders, or inhabitants of the said city. 3. The present owners may sell unto any purchasers, to hold of them under the like rents, &c. as the said owners hold the same under his lordship, as in cases of lord mesne and tenant in England, in case they make their deeds accordingly. 4. Provided that convenient streets and alleys be duly regarded. 5. A saving of rights to his lordship, all bodies politic and corporate, and all others not herein mentioned.

## C H A P. VIII.

An ACT declaring probats of deeds, or other matters, and acknowledgments of deeds taken before two magistrates of the city of Annapolis, to be good and valid in law. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 50.

Passed 6th of  
Nov. 1725.

Certain probats  
good, &c.

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 all probats of any deeds, or other matters, made either in the mayor's court, or before two of the magistrates of the city of Annapolis, and all deeds of lands lying within the precincts of the city of Annapolis, acknowledged either in the mayor's court, or before two such magistrates as aforesaid, shall be, and are by this act declared, as good and available in law in all respects, as if made or acknowledged in the same manner before any one justice of the provincial court, or two justices of a county court, any law, statute, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

## C H A P. IX.

An ACT to invest the vestry of Great Choptank parish, in Dorchester county, with an estate in fee-simple to the (a) lands therein mentioned. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 50.

(a) Viz. Two acres of land, parcel of fifteen acres laid out for public uses at the town of Vienna, in the said county, whereon the chapel is built. See 1730, ch. 2, by which the bounds of the said two acres are established.

## C H A P. X.

An ACT for dividing Great Choptank parish, in Dorchester county, and for erecting a parish out of the same, called by the name of St. Mary White Chapel parish. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 51.

1. From and after the 10th December, 1725, all that part of Great Choptank parish, beginning at the mouth of Cabbins creek, on the south side of Great Choptank river, and running up the said creek, bounded therewith, to the mill, and from thence running across to the north-west fork of Nanticoke, as the line runs which divides Great Choptank hundred from Nanticoke hundred, and so binding all round with the said Great Choptank hundred to the mouth of the said Cabbins creek, is by this act separated, constituted, erected and made into a parish, by the name of St. Mary White Chapel parish, divided as aforesaid from Great Choptank parish, and to be adjudged, deemed and taken, as a separate and distinct parish. 2. The freeholders thereof empowered to elect vestrymen, and found a church, and enjoy all privileges and advantages whatsoever, that are held and enjoyed by any other parish within this province.

## C H A P. XI.

An ACT for the removing the court-house from Battle creek, in Calvert county, and for building a court-house for the said county on or near that place in the said county, commonly called and known by the name of William's Old Field, and for making sale of the old court-house and prison. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 52.

By this act, 1. The justices of Calvert county were empowered to make choice of, and purchase, (by agreement, or valuation of a jury,) three acres of land on or near the place aforesaid, whereon to build a court-house. 2. The said justices to cause the said three acres to be laid out by the county surveyor, and a certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the county records, &c. 3. Calvert county court to be held in such new court-house when built, and not elsewhere. 4. All the records, books, rolls, papers, &c. to the said county belonging, to be removed from the old to the new court-house, and a list thereof to be signed by the county clerk, and recorded amongst their proceedings. 5. The said justices empowered to make sale of the old court-house and prison, with the lands thereunto belonging, and convey the same in fee-simple, &c.

## C H A P. XII.

An ACT to encourage the takers up of runaway slaves, that shall be taken up by any person and brought in from the back woods. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 55.

## C H A P. XIII.

An ACT for the relief and release of poor distressed prisoners for debt. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 58. Repealed 1726, ch. 5.

## C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to restrain the ill practices of attornies, and to prevent their taking money fees, and ascertaining what fees shall be allowed to practitioners in the law who shall attend the circuit courts. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 64.

This act was passed for three years, but was repealed in March session this year, ch. 22, by a new law.

C H A P.