

C. H. A. P. VI.

Passed 30th of October, 1728. 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. 208.

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

C. H. A. P. VII.

Passed 24th of October, 1728. An ACT to encourage the destroying of wolves, crows and squirrels, Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 209.

BE IT ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, 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 from and after the commencement of this act, every master, mistress, owner of a family, or single taxable, in the several and respective counties within this province, shall be, and are by this act obliged, yearly, (at some time before the laying their county levies,) to produce to some one of the justices of their county, three squirrel scalps, or crows heads, for every taxable person they shall pay levy for that year, and the justices of the peace, before whom such squirrels scalps, or crows heads, shall be brought, shall be, and is hereby obliged to destroy such squirrels scalps, and crows heads, as shall be so produced to him, to prevent their being produced a second time; and give such person a certificate under his hand, certifying the number of squirrels scalps and crows heads such person brought before him, which certificate, the person obtaining the same shall lay before the justices of their county, at the time of the laying their county levy; and the justices shall then cause a list of the taxables of their county to be laid before them, in order from thence to compare the number of taxables each person pays in the county, with the certificates produced, that thereby it may be found what persons have complied with this act, and who have failed therein.

Scalps to be produced, &c.

By the temporary law of 1758, ch. 11, this act, so far as relates to St. Mary's, Somerset, Charles, Anne Arundel, Cecil, Calvert, Worcester, Prince-George's, Frederick, Baltimore and Dorchester counties, was repealed in the parts relating to crows and squirrels. Four squirrels scalps, or crows heads, to be produced for each taxable in the aforesaid counties, and two pounds of tobacco to be leviable by execution for every such scalp, &c. not produced.

Repealed (as far as it related to crows and squirrels,) as to St. Mary's, Somerset, Charles, Anne Arundel, Cecil, Calvert, Worcester, Talbot, Prince-George's, Frederick and Dorchester counties, by 1765, ch. 35; and (on the expiration of that law,) again repealed as to those counties and Kent county, by 1769, ch. 16. Repealed as to Queen-Anne's after the 10th of December, 1770, by 1770, ch. 14. Repealed as to Baltimore county by 1774, ch. 6.

Penalty for not producing, &c.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That every person that shall fall short of producing a certificate of squirrels scalps or crows heads, in proportion to their taxables, according to the directions of this act, the justices of the several and respective county courts within this province, at the time of laying the county levy, are hereby empowered and required, for each squirrel scalp, or crows head, such person shall fall short, in manner aforesaid, to levy upon such person the sum of two pounds of tobacco, to be upon execution, and collected by the sheriff of the county in the same manner as the public and county levies are, to be applied towards defraying the county charge.

Allowance for scalps, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That every person that shall bring to any justice of the peace within this province the heads or scalps of any more squirrels or crows than the three for each taxable by this act required, shall, for every such head or scalp, be allowed in the county levy where such squirrel or crow was killed, the sum of two pounds of tobacco, and the justice of the peace before whom such heads or scalps shall be brought, is hereby required to give the person bringing the same, a certificate thereof, and cause the said heads and scalps to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed; provided always, that no person whatsoever shall be entitled to any allowance for any squirrels or crows heads or scalps, without first making oath (or affirmation, if a quaker,) or otherwise make appear, that such squirrels or crows were killed after the commencement of this act, and in the county where the allowance is prayed.

And wolves heads, &c.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That the sum of two hundred pounds of tobacco shall be allowed to every person that shall bring a wolf's head to any justice of the peace in that county levy where the wolf was killed; and the justice of the peace before whom any wolf's head is brought, shall cause the tongue thereof to be cut out, and ears to be crompt, that it may not be presented again; and the several county courts within this province, are hereby required and empowered to levy the several sums of tobacco, by this act to be allowed, in their county levies, upon their several and respective counties.

Oath to be made, &c.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That from and after the commencement of this act, it shall not be lawful for any justice or justices of the peace within any