

into Patuxent river, and lying between the plantations of John Ryan and Rose Lee, and running by a straight line through the woods till it intersects the former divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Baltimore counties, including therein the plantations of John Ryan and John Barber, shall be taken from the parishes aforesaid, and be erected into a new parish, by the name of Queen Caroline. 2. The inhabitants of the said Queen Caroline parish to enjoy all benefits, privileges, power and authorities, equal with any inhabitants of any other parish within this province. 3. The freeholders empowered to elect vestrymen and churchwardens, and to finish the church already built therein, which shall be reputed, taken and deemed as the parish church for that parish.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT for the laying out of land, and erecting a town, in St. Mary's county, at a place formerly called Seymour-town. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 225.

Passed 26th of October, 1728.

N. B. By this act, 1. Commissioners were appointed and empowered to purchase (by agreement, or valuation of a jury) fifty acres of land adjoining to the place where St. Mary's county court-house now stands, and to cause the same to be surveyed and laid out for a town, into eighty lots, with convenient streets, lanes, &c. 2. The owner of the land to have his choice for two lots, and the remaining lots to be taken up by others, but no person to take up more than one lot, within the said fifty acres, during four months after laying out the same, nor any other than inhabitants of the said county; after which time any other persons whatsoever might take up lots, paying the owner of the land proportionably for the same. 3. In case the taker up of any lot refuse or neglect to build upon such lot, within twelve months, a house to cover four hundred square feet, and the chimnies to be of brick or stone, it shall then be lawful for any other person to enter upon such lot so not built upon as aforesaid, on paying the sum of tobacco first set upon such lot to the commissioners or person by them appointed to receive the same, for the public use and benefit of the town; and such second taker up, on building in manner aforesaid, within twelve months after his entry made, shall have as good an estate, to all intents and purposes, as by this act is settled upon the first taker up and builder. 4. All lots, not taken up in seven years after publication of this act, shall revert to the owner of the land, who shall be possessed and interested in the same as in his first and former estate. 5. This act not to prejudice any persons, their heirs or assigns, who have complied with the requisites of the former act, whereby part of the land allowed to be laid out was actually surveyed into lots, and then called Seymour's-town, of their title to or inheritance in such lots. 6. The land not to be so surveyed as to affect the buildings or improvements of the heir at law of Thomas Cooper, deceased. 7. A saving of rights to his majesty, the Lord proprietor, &c. 8. The place to be called Leonard-town, and all writs, &c. issuing out of St. Mary's county court to be made returnable to the said place, by the name of Leonard-town.

See a supplementary act 1730, ch. 5, wherein some defects of this act are aided, particularly the want of a free-hold estate in the lots taken up. This town was originally established by 1708, ch. 3, when Mr. Seymour was governor, whereby fifty acres of land were ordered to be laid out and erected into a town at Sheppard's old fields, near the head of Britan's bay, on the land of Philip Lynes, Esquire, and the court-house of St. Mary's county to be built and kept there; how it came to be called Seymour-town (unless by common courtesy, in compliment to the then governor,) does not appear, but in the act of 1710, ch. 6, it is called by the name of Seymour-town, otherwise Sheppard's Old Fields.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT empowering the justices of Calvert county to finish the court-house of that county by an assessment on the inhabitants thereof, as also for the relief of John Critchard and William Kidd, two of the builders of the said court-house. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 229.

Passed 30th of October, 1728.

N. B. By this act, the place whereon the said court-house now stands was from thenceforth to be called and known by the name of Prince-Frederick-town.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT for the relief of Francis Gateril, of Anne-Arundel county. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 231. A Private Act.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT for the dividing of St. Paul's parish, in Queen-Anne's county, and part of Talbot county. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 232.

N. B. By this act, 1. All the land to the north-east side of Courfeca creek, and the north-east side of the easternmost branch thereof, commonly known by the name of the Three Bridges, and running up the said branch through the dwelling plantation of Mr. Edward Wright, to the head thereof, thence down with a branch called Smith's branch, to a branch of Tuckahoe, and with that branch to the main branch of Tuckahoe creek, and from the aforesaid main branch, with a line drawn south-east to Choptank river, is taken from St. Paul's parish, and erected into a new parish, by the name of St. Luke's parish. 2. The inhabitants of St. Luke's parish to have and enjoy all benefits, privileges, and authority, equal with the inhabitants of any other parish within this province. 3. The freeholders of the said parish are empowered to elect vestrymen and churchwardens, and to build and found a new church, &c.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT for the relief of Edward Parish, of Anne-Arundel county. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 234. A Private Act.

Passed 31st of October, 1728.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT for the relief of John Powell, John Nowell, Samuel Stevens, Mary Gordon and Thomas Price, languishing prisoners in Anne-Arundel county, Thomas Hill and James Ward, languishing prisoners in Talbot county, Richard Edwards and Nathaniel Wright, languishing prisoners in Queen-Anne's county, Christopher Bonfield and Clarina Gilly, languishing prisoners in Calvert county, Kenneth Mackensy, a languishing prisoner in Charles county, Peter Bromfield, a languishing prisoner in Prince-George's county, and Abel Van Burkelo, a languishing prisoner in Cecil county. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 235. A Private Act.

Passed 1st of Nov. 1728.