

time, then any other persons whatsoever to be at liberty to take up the same. 5. The sum assessed by the jury, or agreed for by the commissioners as aforesaid, shall be paid to the owners of the land by the persons taking up lots, in proportion to their lots. 6. Persons taking up lots shall build thereon, within 18 months after taking up, a house to cover 400 square feet, exclusive of sheds, and, if a dwelling-house, no chimney to be made but of brick or stone, and all the houses to be built on the edge of some street, lane or alley, and to front the same. 7. The commissioners to return an account of their proceedings, within ten days after laying out the town, to the county clerk, and the surveyor likewise to return to the said clerk a fair plot and certificate of the town, which proceedings, plot and certificate, shall be by the clerk entered among the land records of the county, and the originals filed and kept in his office. 8. Persons thinking fit to take up lots shall apply to the county clerk, who shall enter in the said records the name of the person applying, (the date, and number of the lots by them taken up, and the persons causing such entry to be made, and building on such lots as directed by this act, shall be vested with a sure and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee-simple, of, in and to such lots, &c. 9. Persons neglecting to build as before directed shall entirely lose all their right, title, &c. to such lots so not built on, and any other person may take up such lots, making such entry as by this act directed, and paying to the commissioners, or person by them appointed, the sum originally assessed thereon, for the use and benefit of the town, and such second takers up, by virtue of such entry and payment, and building thereon as before directed, within 18 months from such second entry, shall be vested with the same estate therein as is by this act settled on the first taker up. 10. If any lot remain not taken up in seven years from the laying out such town, then shall the owner of the land be possessed and interested therein as in his first and former estate. 11. The town to be called Cecil-town. 12. Saving to the crown, the lord proprietor, all bodies politic and corporate, and all others not herein mentioned, their several rights. 13. Possessors of lots to pay yearly to his lordship's agent one penny current money for each lot, &c.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT for improving the staple of tobacco, and for continuing part of an (a) act ascertaining the gauge and tare of tobacco hogheads, and to prevent cropping, cutting and defacing tobacco taken on board ships or vessels upon freight, and for laying impositions on tobacco per the hoghead for the support of government, and for the encouraging settlements in this province, by ascertaining the manner of paying his lordship's alienation fines and quit-rents for the term therein proposed, and for the taking off the three-pence per hoghead formerly raised for the public charge. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 335. Expired 31st March, 1732.

Passed 16th of June, 1730.

(a) 1717, ch. 7, hereby continued in part till the 29th September, 1732.

Such parts of this act as related to the restraining the number of tobacco plants to be planted, &c. were to continue in force till the 29th September, 1732, and such other clauses as related to payment of one fourth part of certain public dues in grain, were to continue in force till the 31st March, 1732.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT to enrol and record an indenture between Matthias Vanbebber of the one part, and Thomas Bordley, Esquire, of the other part. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 351. A Private Act.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for the building a church in Baltimore county, and in a town called Baltimore-town, in St. Paul's parish. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 353.

N.B. The act of 1727, ch. 10, having empowered the vestrymen and churchwardens to purchase one or more acres of land, and thereon to build a parish church, in pursuance whereof, land was purchased but not built on, and the same being very inconvenient, the present act empowers the vestrymen and churchwardens to purchase a lot in Baltimore-town, and to cause a church to be built thereon, which shall be the parish church of the said parish, and be called St. Paul's church, and directs, that the tobacco to be raised by the afore-recited act be applied to the building a church in the town as aforesaid.

C H A P. X.

A Supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for the advancement of justice. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 355.

To continue in force as long as the original act of 1723, ch. 12, which expired in 1740.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for the naturalization of John Hendrickson, a native of Rotterdam, in Holland, now an inhabitant of Kent county, in Maryland, and John, Samuel, Rachel, Mary, Mildred, Margaret, Martha, Rebeckah, Hannah and Ruth, children of the aforesaid John Hendrickson. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 357. A Private Act.

C H A P. XII.

An ACT to confirm two deeds of sale, the one from George Oldfield and Petronella his wife, and the other from Richard Carr, son and heir at law to a certain John Carr, of Cecil county, deceased, to Casparus Augustin Herman. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 359. A Private Act.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT to record a deed of bargain and sale, made by Thomas Humphries, Esquire, and Mary his wife, to John Gresham, Esquire. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 360. A Private Act.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to cut off an entail of a tract of land called Marthe's Seat, lying in Anne-Arundel county, and to invest William Vernon with an estate in fee-simple in the said tract of land, and to settle a parcel of land, being part of three tracts of land called Happy Choice, Clarke's Groves, and The Addition to Clarke's Groves, lying in Prince-George's county, on Thomas Knighton, and the heirs of his body, in lieu thereof. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 361. A Private Act.