

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY began and held at the CITY of ANNAPOLIS, in the county of Anne-Arundel, for the province of Maryland, on the 11th day of July, and ended the 8th day of August, in the 18th year of the dominion of the right honourable CHARLES, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. *annoque domini 1732*, were enacted the following laws, viz.

SAMUEL OGLE, Esquire, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the trial of all matters of fact in the several counties where they have arisen or shall arise; the continuance of causes in the provincial court, and adjournment of that court. Lib. BLC. fol. 34. Passed 31st of July, 1732.

To be in force three years, &c. farther continued by 1736, ch. 22; and expired in 1740.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the relief of Anne Osburn, of St. Mary's county. Lib. BLC. fol. 39. A Private Act. Passed 8th of August, 1732.

C H A P. III.

An ACT to prohibit raising of swine, sheep and geese, in the town of Chester, in Kent county. Lib. BLC. fol. 40.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT for preventing bribery and corruption in the elections of citizens or delegates to serve in assembly for the city of Annapolis. Lib. BLC. fol. 40. Dissent. Passed 24th of July, 1732.

C H A P. V.

An ACT for ascertaining the form of the oath of judge or justice. Lib. BLC. fol. 41. Passed 31st of July, 1732.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for the erecting a town on the fourth side of Chester river, in Queen-Anne's county, for laying in lots sixty acres of land at the mouth of the South-East Branch, on the fourth side thereof, on a point of land known by the name of Hawkins's Prize-house Point. Lib. BLC. fol. 42. Passed 8th of August, 1732.

N. B. By this act, 1. Commissioners were empowered to purchase (by agreement or valuation of a jury) sixty acres of land in the tract aforesaid, lying most convenient to the water; and to cause the same to be surveyed and laid out into sixty lots, allowing convenient space for streets, lanes, &c. to be laid out into a town. 2. The owner of the land to have the first choice for one lot, and afterwards the remaining lots to be taken up by others; none to purchase more than one lot during four months after laying out, and the lots to be purchased by inhabitants of the county; but if all the lots be not taken up by such inhabitants in six months, then such lots may be taken up by any others, paying the owners of the land proportionably for the same; and in case of valuation of the land by a jury, the sum by such jury adjudged to be paid the owners of the land being paid by persons taking up lots, proportionably to their lots, shall give such purchasers, their heirs and assigns, an absolute estate in fee-simple in such lots, they complying with the requisites in this act mentioned. 3. The takers up of any lots refusing or neglecting to build thereon, within 18 months, an house to cover 400 square feet, any other person whatsoever may enter upon such lot, so as aforesaid not built on, paying to the commissioners, or person by them appointed to receive the same, the sum first set upon such lot, for the public use and benefit of the town, provided such second taker up, build and finish, within eighteen months after such his entry made, such house as by this act is before limited; which house, so built, shall give and settle as good an estate to such second taker up, his heirs and assigns, as is by this act before settled on the first taker up and builder. 4. Lots not taken up in seven years from the publication of this act shall be vested in the first owner, as in his first and former estate. 5. The town to be called Ogle-town upon Chester. 6. The commissioners to appoint a sufficient clerk, who upon oath shall make true and impartial entries of their proceedings, which entries, made up in a well bound book, they shall cause to be lodged with the clerk of Queen-Anne's county court, for the inspection of any person requiring it; and the surveyor to return a plot of the town to the county clerk, to be kept by him among the county records. 7. A fixing of rights to the crown, the lord proprietor, &c. 8. Possessors of lots to pay to his lordship yearly one penny current money of Maryland for each lot.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT for the naturalization of Onorio Rozilini, of Annapolis. Lib. BLC. fol. 44. A Private Act.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT to prevent cutting up tobacco plants, destroying of tobacco and tobacco-houses, and for ascertaining the punishment of criminals guilty of the said offences. Lib. BLC. fol. 44.

To be in force for three years, &c. Continued 1736, ch. 5, and 1740, ch. 5. Expired in 1744.

C H A P.