

1732. JULY.

CHARLES LORD BALTIMORE.

Passed 8th of August, 1732. * 1728, ch. 12.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for reviving an act * for destroying bears in Somerset county. Lib. BLC. fol. 45. See the note under the original act.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to enable the clerk of the provincial court, or the clerk of Baltimore county court, to record a deed of bargain and sale from Benoni Fanning and Hannah his wife, to John Contee, and to make the same deed valid. Lib. BLC. fol. 45. A Private Act.

C H A P. XI.

A Supplementary act to the act, entitled, (a) An act to encourage the making of linen cloth within this province of flax or hemp of the growth thereof. Lib. BLC. fol. 45.

(a) 1731, ch. 3, which, together with this act, was continued by 1735, ch. 14, and both expired in 1740.

C H A P. XII.

An ACT for the assessment of one hundred thousand pounds of tobacco on the taxable inhabitants of Christ Church parish, in Calvert county, for the building of a church and vestry-room, and for the purchasing two acres of land. Lib. BLC. fol. 46.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT for laying an imposition on tobacco by the hoghead for support of government, and for payment of his lordship's quit-rents and alienation fines for the (b) time therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 47.

(b) From the 29th September next to the 29th September, 1733. Expired.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT for erecting a town on a creek, divided on the east from the town lately laid out in Baltimore county, called Baltimore-town, on the land whereon Edward Fell keeps store. Lib. BLC. fol. 47.

N. B. By this act, 1. Commissioners were appointed and empowered to purchase (by agreement with the owner, or in case of such owner's refusal, &c. by valuation of a jury,) ten acres of land out of the said tract, lying most convenient to the water, and to lay out the same into twenty lots, &c. to be numbered from one to twenty, for better distinction thereof. 2. The surveyor to return a plot of the said town to the county clerk, to be by him kept among the county records. 3. The owner of the land to have his first choice for one lot, after which choice, the remaining lots to be taken up by others; no person to purchase more than one lot during the first four months after laying out, nor any other than inhabitants of the county to take up lots within six months, after which time any persons whatsoever to have liberty of taking up lots; and the payment of the proportionable sum agreed for (or assessed by the jury,) to the owners, for any lot or lots, shall give the purchasers, their heirs and assigns, an absolute estate of fee-simple therein, his or they complying with the requisites in this act mentioned. 4. If the taker up of any lot refuse or neglect to build thereon within eighteen months, a house to cover 400 square feet, it shall then be lawful for any other person to enter upon such lot so not built upon, paying the sum 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 shall, within eighteen months after such his entry made, build and finish such house as by this act is before appointed, which house, so built, shall settle as good an estate to such second taker up, his heirs, &c. as by this act is before settled upon the first taker up and builder. 5. Any of the said lots neglected to be taken up during seven years after the publication of this act, shall revert to the owner of the land, who shall thenceforth be possessed and interested therein as in his first and former estate. 6. The town to be called Jonas-town. 7. The commissioners to appoint a sufficient clerk, who shall, upon oath, make true and impartial entries of their proceedings, which entries they shall cause to be made up in a well bound book, and lodged with the clerk of Baltimore county court, for the inspection of any person. 8. A saving of rights to the crown, the lord proprietor, &c. 9. Possessors of lots to pay one penny current money per annus to the lord proprietary and his heirs for ever.

See the supplementary act of 1745, ch. 9, whereby this town is incorporated with Baltimore-town.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT for the erecting a town at the head of Wicomico river, in Somerset county, for laying into lots fifteen acres of land in the fork thereof, and at the landing commonly now called Handy's, or Carr's Landing. Lib. BLC. fol. 49.

N. B. By this act, 1. Commissioners empowered to purchase, &c. fifteen acres, part of a tract of land at the head of Wicomico river, in a fork thereof, now in possession of William Winder, a minor, commonly known by the name of Pemberton's Good Will, lying most convenient to the water, and to cause the same to be surveyed and laid out into 20 lots, allowing sufficient space for streets, &c. with posts towards every street, &c. and the lots, for better distinction, to be numbered from one to twenty. 2. The owner to have his choice for two lots, after which the remaining lots to be taken up by others; no person to take up more than one lot during four months after laying out the town, and the lots to be taken up by inhabitants of the county, but if all the lots be not taken up by such inhabitants in six months, then any other persons to be at liberty to take up the same, paying the owner proportionably for the same, and such proportionable payment shall give the purchasers of such lots, their heirs and assigns, an absolute estate of fee-simple therein, they complying with the requisites in this act mentioned. 3. The surveyor to return a plot of the town to the county clerk, to be by him kept among the county records. 4. Takers up of lots refusing or neglecting to build thereon within 18 months, an house to cover 400 square feet, such lots, so not built upon, may be taken up by any other person, paying the sum first set on such lot to the commissioners, or person by them appointed to receive the same, for the public benefit of the town; and such house, as in this act is before limited and appointed, being built within 18 months by such second taker up, shall give him, his heirs, &c. as good an estate therein, as is by this act settled upon the first taker up and