

and builder. 5. Lots not taken up during seven years next after publication of this act, shall revert to the first owners of the land. 6. The town to be called Salisbury town. 7. The commissioners to employ a sufficient clerk, who, upon oath, shall enter all their proceedings, which entries, made up in a well bound book, shall be lodged with the clerk of Somerset county court, for the inspection of any person. 8. A saving of rights to the crown, the lord proprietor, all bodies politic and corporate, and all others, not mentioned in this act. 9. Possessors of lots to pay one penny current money *per annum* to his lordship and his heirs for ever. 10. The aforesaid William Winder to have liberty to build, &c. upon the two lots chosen for him, so as the same be finished within 18 months after his arrival at full age, &c.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to repeal an act, entitled, * An act for the relief of the devisees of James Phillips the elder, and Anthony Phillips, late of Baltimore county, deceased. Lib. BLC. fol. 50. A Private Act. Passed 8th of August, 1732. 1724, ch. 15.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT to encourage adventurers in iron-works. Lib. BLC. fol. 52. Repealed by November, 1779, ch. 14.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT for the erecting a town in Queen-Anne's county, on Chester river, opposite to Chester-town, in Kent county, on the land possessed by John Dempster. Lib. BLC. fol. 52.

N. B. By this act, 1. Commissioners empowered to purchase by agreement, or (in case of the owner's refusal, &c.) by valuation of a jury, 30 acres of land out of the said tract, lying most convenient to the water, and to cause the same to be surveyed and laid out for a town, and divided into 30 lots, allowing sufficient space for streets, &c. and the lots to be numbered from 1 to 30, for better distinguishing one from another. 2. The owner of the land to have the first choice for one lot, after which the remaining lots to be taken up by others; none to take up more than one lot during the first 4 months, and the lots to be taken up by inhabitants of the county, but if not all taken up by such inhabitants within six months after laying out, then any persons whatsoever may take up such lots, paying the owners proportionably for the same; and such proportionable payment shall give the said purchasers, their heirs and assigns, an absolute estate of fee-simple in the said lots, they complying with the requisites in this act mentioned. 3. The surveyor to return a plot of the town to the clerk of Queen-Anne's county, to be by him kept among the county records. 4. The takers up of lots to build on such lot or lots an house to cover 400 square feet, within 18 months, and in case of refusal or neglect thereof, then may any other person whatsoever enter upon such lot or lots not built upon, paying the sum first set and assessed 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 building and finishing, within 18 months after such his entry made, such house as is in this act before limited, shall have as good an estate, to him, his heirs and assigns, as is by this act before settled on the first taker up and builder. 5. All lots not taken up within seven years from the publication of this act shall revert to the owner of the land. 6. The town to be called King's-town. 7. The commissioners to employ a sufficient clerk, upon oath, to 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. 8. A saving of rights to the crown, the lord proprietary, &c. 9. Possessors of lots to pay one penny current money *per annum* to the lord proprietary and his heirs for ever.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT to prohibit raising of swine in Upper-Marlborough-town, in Prince-George's county. Lib. BLC. fol. 53.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT reviving and continuing an act of assembly of this province, entitled, (a) An act for the better relief of poor debtors. Lib. BLC. fol. 54.

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

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT for laying out anew fifteen acres of land, part of the one hundred acres of land formerly erected into a town, commonly called Benedict-Leonard-town, upon Patuxent river, in Charles county, besides the lots which have been already taken up, pursuant to the directions of former laws, and to restrain the inhabitants from keeping any stock, except within their enclosures, in the said town. Lib. BLC. fol. 54.

N. B. The bounds of the 100 acres, formerly laid out for a town by the act of 1683, ch. 5, and confirmed by 1706, ch. 14, being very uncertain, &c. and the said 100 acres being thought to be by far too much for that place, by this act, 1. Commissioners are empowered to purchase, &c. fifteen acres of land, out of the tract aforesaid, lying most convenient to the water, to be added to the lots already taken up, and to survey and lay out the same into twenty 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 of the land to have the first choice for one lot, after which the remaining lots to be taken up by others; no person to take up more than one lot within the fifteen acres during the first four months, and the lots to be purchased by inhabitants of the county, but if not taken up by such inhabitants within six months after laying out, then any persons whatsoever to be at liberty to take up such lots, paying the owners proportionably for the same; and such proportionable payment shall give the purchasers, their heirs and assigns, an absolute estate of fee-simple in the said lots, 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. In case the takers up of lots refuse or neglect to build thereon, within eighteen months, an house to cover four hundred square feet, exclusive of sheds, then it shall be lawful for any other persons to enter upon such lots so as aforesaid not built on, paying to the commissioners, or person by them appointed to receive the same, the sum first set and assessed upon such lot, for the public use and benefit of the town; and the building and finishing, within eighteen months after such entry made, such house as in this act is before appointed to be built by the first taker up, shall give as good an estate to such second taker up and builder, his heirs