

and assigns, as is by this act settled upon the first taker up and builder. 5. Lots not taken up within seven years next after publication of this act shall revert to the owner of the land. 6. The town to be called Benedict-Leonard-town. 7. The commissioners to employ a sufficient clerk, who (upon oath) shall make true and impartial entries of their proceedings, which entries, made up in a well bound book, shall be lodged with the clerk of Charles county, for the inspection of any person. 8. No inhabitants of the town shall keep within the same any swine, geese, sheep, cattle or horses, belonging to themselves, or any other persons whatsoever, unless within their own enclosures, and persons convicted thereof, before a single magistrate, shall pay one hundred pounds tobacco for each transgression, to be levied by way of execution on the offender's body, goods, &c. and applied to the use of the county free-school. 9. A saving of rights to the crown, the lord proprietor, all bodies politic and corporate, and all others not mentioned in this act. 10. Possessors of lots to pay one penny current money *per annum* for each lot to his lordship and his heirs for ever.

C H A P. XXII.

Passed 8th of
August, 1732.
• 1715, ch. 33.

A Supplementary act to the * act for stay of execution after the tenth of May. Lib. BLC. fol. 56.
- Repealed after tenth May, 1792, by 1791, ch. 67.

C H A P. XXIII.

• 1725, ch. 36.

An ACT repealing part of an act, entitled, * An act laying an imposition on negroes, and on several sorts of liquors imported, and also on Irish servants, to prevent the importing too great a number of Irish papists into this province. Lib. BLC. fol. 56.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT for erecting a town at the bridge near the head of Great Choptank river, in Dorchester and Queen-Anne's counties. Lib. BLC. fol. 57.

N. B. By this act, 1. Commissioners were empowered to purchase, &c. twenty acres of land in each county aforesaid, at Choptank bridge, lying most convenient to the river, and cause the same to be surveyed and laid out into forty equal 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 forty. 2. The owner of the land on each side to have his first choice of one lot, after which the remaining lots to be taken up by others; no person to purchase more than one lot during the first four months; and the lots to be purchased by the inhabitants of the respective counties, but if the lots be not taken up by such inhabitants within six months, then any other persons to have liberty to take up the same, paying the owner proportionally; and such proportionable payment shall give the purchasers, their heirs and assigns, an absolute estate in 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 each county, to be by them kept among the records of the said counties. 4. In case the takers up of lots neglect to build thereon, within eighteen months, an house to cover 400 square feet, then may any person whatsoever enter upon such lots so not built upon, paying the sum first set and assessed upon such lots to the commissioners, or person by them appointed to receive the same, for the public use and benefit of the town; and a house (such as in this act is before limited and appointed to be built by the first taker up,) built within eighteen months after such his entry made, shall give and settle as good an estate to such second taker up and builder, his heirs and assigns, as is by this act settled upon the first taker up and builder. 5. Lots not taken up within seven years after publication of this act shall revert to the owner of the land. 6. The town to be called Bridge-town. 7. The commissioners to employ a sufficient clerk, who (upon oath) shall make true 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 proprietor, all bodies politic and corporate, and all persons not mentioned in this act. 9. Possessors of lots to pay one penny current money of Maryland *per annum* to his lordship and his heirs for each lot for ever.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT ascertaining the gauge and tare of tobacco hogheads. Lib. BLC. fol. 58.

To be in force till the 29th September, 1733. Expired.

C H A P. XXVI.

An ACT to explain part of an act, entitled, (a) An act for the advancement of justice. Lib. BLC. fol. 60.

(a) 1723, ch. 12, which expired in 1740.

C H A P. XXVII.

An ACT for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court before a single justice of the peace. Lib. BLC. fol. 61.

To be in force three years, &c. Continued 1736, ch. 1, 1742, ch. 2, and 1746, ch. 6, and expired in 1750.

C H A P. XXVIII.

An ACT for the assessment of sixty thousand pounds of tobacco on the taxable inhabitants of Durham parish, in Charles county, for the building a church. Lib. BLC. fol. 62.

C H A P. XXIX.

An ACT for the assessment of so much tobacco on the inhabitants of St. Paul's parish, in Prince-George's county, as will build them a new parish church, and chapel of ease. Lib. BLC. fol. 62.

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT for raising a duty of three-pence per hoghead on all tobacco exported out of this province, for the uses therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 63.

To be in force till the 29th September, 1733. Continued 1733, ch. 11, and 1739, ch. 2. Expired the 29th September, 1739.

C H A P.