

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for building a public gaol in Annapolis. Lib. BLC. fol. 146.

Passed 6th of May, 1736.

WHEREAS it is necessary to build a public gaol in the city of Annapolis, with such conveniences as may render confinement less grievous, as well as secure prisoners;

Preamble.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same, That the honourable colonel Charles Hammond, of the upper house, Mr. Philip Hammond, Mr. Vachel Denton, Daniel Dulany, Esquire, and Mr. Richard Warfield, or the major part of them, shall be commissioners, and are authorized and empowered by virtue of this act to purchase, for the use of the public, a convenient piece of ground within the city of Annapolis, whereon to build a public gaol, and to agree for materials, and with workmen to complete and finish the said prison, which prison, when so built and finished, shall by the said commissioners be put into the possession and custody of the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county for the time being, and so shall remain and continue in the custody and possession of such sheriff, and his successors.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That it shall and may be lawful for the provincial court to commit any prisoners for debt, or for any other cause whatsoever, to the custody of the said sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, to be by him in the said prison detained, according to such commitment, or to be remanded to any other prison, as the law or nature of the case may require.

Proviso.

IV. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That this act, or any thing herein contained, shall not be construed to give the said provincial court any power or jurisdiction contrary to the true intent and meaning of an act, entitled, An act for taking special bail in the several counties of this province upon actions or suits depending in his majesty's provincial court, and in the several county courts of this province, against which sheriff or sheriffs actions or prosecutions for the escape of such prisoners may be brought or commenced, as in any other case of commitment and escape, according to law.

Proviso.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That besides the sum of five hundred pounds current money already appointed to be expended for building a prison for Anne-Arundel county, in and by the act, entitled, An act for emitting and making current ninety thousand pounds current money of Maryland in bills of credit, a further sum, not exceeding one thousand pounds current money, shall be laid out to purchase convenient ground as aforesaid, and to build a gaol thereon, which sum of one thousand pounds, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, shall be paid by the commissioners or trustees for emitting the bills of credit, and their successors, and as well the said sum of five hundred pounds, as the said further sum of one thousand pounds, shall be paid to the orders of the commissioners aforesaid, or the majority of them.

A further sum to be paid, &c.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT relating to the placing and building a prison in Somerset county. Lib. BLC. fol. 147.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT enabling the commissioners or trustees for emitting the bills of credit, established by act of assembly, to pay to the representatives of several counties the sum of five hundred pounds each. Lib. BLC. fol. 147.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT ascertaining the gauge and tare of tobacco hogheads, and to prevent cutting, cropping and defacing tobacco taken on board ships or vessels upon freight. Lib. BLC. fol. 148.

To be in force three years, &c. Continued 1740, ch. 10, 1744, ch. 7, and by 1747, ch. 26, till the 1st December, 1748, when it expired at the commencement of the inspection law.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to cut off the entail of a tract of land, lying in Dorchester county, called Anderton's Point, containing one hundred and eight acres, and to entail in lieu thereof one hundred and eleven acres of land, lying in the said county, being part of a tract called Richardson's Choice. Lib. BLC. fol. 150. A Private Act.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for the payment of a sum of money to Andrew Ramsay, Henry Maccaul and William Gordon, of Glasgow, in the kingdom of Great-Britain, merchants. Lib. BLC. fol. 150. A Private Act.