

already laid out and sold by Gideon Pierce, gentleman, to sundry persons, to be laid out into one hundred lots, and erected into a town. 2. The owner of the land to have the first choice for two lots, and after such choice the remaining lots to be taken up by others; no person to take up more than one lot within four months after laying out, and such lots to be purchased by inhabitants of the county, but in case such do not take up the lots within six months after laying out, then any other person may take up lots, paying the owners of the land proportionably for the same; and such proportionable payment shall give the takers up of lots, their heirs or assigns, an absolute estate, in fee simple, in their lots, they complying with the requisites in this act mentioned. 3. The county surveyor to return a plot of the town, and the lots before laid out and sold as aforesaid, to the county clerk, to be by him kept among the county records. 4. In case the takers up of lots do not, within three years, build upon their lots a house to cover four hundred square feet, with a brick chimney thereto, then may any other person enter upon the lots so not built on, paying to the commissioners, or person by them appointed to receive the same, such sum as was originally assessed on such lot, for the public benefit of the town, provided such second taker up do build and finish, within 7 years after such his entry made, such house as is by this act afore-appointed, which house to build shall give such second taker up, his heirs, &c. as good estate as is by this act settled upon the first taker up. 5. If any of the said 100 lots be not taken up during 10 years from the publication of this act, the owner of the land shall be possessed and interested in the same as in his last or former estate. 6. The town to be called George-town. 7. The commissioners to employ a sufficient clerk, sworn to make true and impartial entries of their proceedings, which entries shall be made up in a well bound book, and lodged with the county clerk for the inspection of any person. 8. Saving to the crown, the lord proprietor, and all bodies politic and corporate, and to all persons that heretofore have purchased and conveyed to them any lot aforesaid adjoining to the said 60 acres, and all persons not mentioned in this act, their several rights. 9. Possessors of lots to pay one penny sterling *per annum* for every lot to the lord proprietor and his heirs for ever. 10. The former purchasers of lots, near the ferry landing to have as good a title to such lots as any after takers up by virtue of this act may have; and such lots, so heretofore taken up and conveyed, shall be reputed and taken as part of George-town.

C. H. A. P. XXII.

A Supplementary act to an act, entitled, (a) An act for the trial of all matters of fact in the counties where they have arisen, or shall arise, the continuance of causes in the provincial court, and adjournment of that court, and for continuing the same, and for the continuance of causes in the provincial and county courts, and to enlarge the time for taking out execution. Lib. BLC. fol. 165.

Passed 6th of
May, 1736.

(*) 1732, ch. 1, hereby continued three years, &c. which, together with the present act, expired in 1740.

C. H. A. P. XXIII.

An ACT to enlarge the time of shipping tobacco this present year. Lib. BLC. fol. 167. Expired.

C. H. A. P. XXIV.

An ACT for the payment of the public levy. Lib. BLC. fol. 167.

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, the 26th day of April, in the 22d 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. and ended the 28th day of May, *anno domini* 1737, the following laws were enacted.

S. A. M. U. E. L. O. G. L. E., Esquire, GOVERNOR.

C. H. A. P. I.

An ACT for the further explaining and carrying into execution an act for laying out and applying three thousand five hundred pounds current money of Maryland to the uses therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 169.

Passed 28th of
May, 1737.

C. H. A. P. II.

An ACT for the more effectual punishment of certain offenders, and for taking from them the benefit of clergy. Lib. BLC. fol. 170.

FORASMUCH as all the laws heretofore made for the punishment of offenders, and for securing honest men in their just property, are found by experience to be insufficient for those purposes, and that the poorer sort of people, who are obliged, for want of better conveniencies, to keep their goods in tobacco-houses, and other out-houses, are more exposed to be pillaged and robbed of their substance