

the use of the said town, the other to the informer; which said magistrate is empowered to determine the same, and to commit the offender to the sheriff of the county, on refusal or non-payment of the fine. 2. As often as any of the commissioners in the above recited act mentioned shall die, or remove out of the county, or refuse, neglect, or be otherwise incapacitated to act, &c. then are the remaining commissioners empowered and required forthwith to choose and appoint one other fit person to be a commissioner in his place, and so, *toties quoties*, as such vacancy shall happen; which commissioners so chosen, &c. shall have all the powers and authorities for putting the aforesaid act in execution as any of the other commissioners in the said act named.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT appointing commissioners for dividing St. Mary's county into four parishes, and to erect that part of All-Faith and King and Queen parish, lying in Charles county, into a distinct parish. Lib. BLC. fol. 292.

Passed 4th of June, 1744.

A supplementary act of 1745, ch. 4, appoints other commissioners to carry this act into execution, the commissioners appointed by this act having neglected the same.

N. B. By this act, 1. The justices of St. Mary's county, together with the sheriff and surveyor, are appointed commissioners to execute the several matters, &c. in this act directed. 2. The said commissioners to meet at the court-house at Leonard-town, on or before 30th August, 1744, in order to divide the county into four distinct parishes, first giving public notice twenty days before such meeting, and then and there agree upon the time, manner, &c. of making the division aforesaid. 3. The commissioners empowered to appoint a suitable clerk, and to pay their clerk, and other incidental charges, by a county levy, and also to adjourn as to them shall seem needful. 4. The commissioners to lay out, or cause to be laid out, divided and separated, the said county of St. Mary's into four different and distinct parishes, by suitable, natural and artificial lines, butments and boundaries, with regard to the conveniency of the people, and so as the number of taxables in the said county may be as equally divided into the said four parishes as the nature of the thing will permit. 5. The commissioners to cause the division of the county into four parishes by them made to be fairly and distinctly entered in a book, by natural and artificial bounds and courses as aforesaid, in four distinct certificates, and return the same to the county clerk, by him to be entered among the county records, there to remain as the true and indisputable bounds of the said parishes respectively; the commissioners also to return duplicates of the said certificates to the vestry of each parish, &c. to be entered in their respective registers; and the division so made and recorded in the said four parishes in St. Mary's county. 6. The commissioners empowered either to alter or continue the names of the present parishes, and to give name to what parish they shall add, which names shall be entered in the said respective certificates, and by the same shall be called, at all times hereafter. 7. All that part of All-Faith and King and Queen parishes, now being within Charles county, shall hereafter be deemed and remain a distinct and separate parish, by the name of, Trinity parish; but so as not to affect the 40 per poll until after the decease or removal of the present incumbent or incumbents of the same parishes of All-Faith and King and Queen, &c. 8. The freeholders of the said four parishes in St. Mary's county respectively, and of the said Trinity parish in Charles county, are empowered to make choice of vestrymen, churchwardens, &c. and the said respective freeholders and vestries to have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the rights, liberties, privileges, &c. which any other parishes or vestries within this province have, or hereafter may have. 9. Such divisions or alterations of the parishes aforesaid, or the erecting the aforesaid Trinity parish, in Charles county, nor to take place or effect until the death or removal of the present incumbents respectively; so as to alter the yearly income of any of the said present incumbents in the parishes they now enjoy.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT for building a prison in Worcester county. Lib. BLC. fol. 295.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to enable Samuel Wilson, executor of Margaret Lindow, to convey certain lands to David Wilson. Lib. BLC. fol. 295. A Private Act.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT continuing an act of assembly of this province, entitled, (a) An act for the more effectual punishment of certain offenders, and for taking from them the benefit of clergy. Lib. BLC. fol. 296.

(a) 1737, ch. 2, hereby continued three years, &c.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT continuing an act of assembly of this province, entitled, (b) A supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for the more effectual punishment of negroes and other slaves, and for taking away the benefit of clergy from certain offenders, and to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the tumultuous meeting and other irregularities of negroes and other slaves, and directing the manner of trying slaves. Lib. BLC. fol. 297.

(b) 1737, ch. 7, hereby continued three years, &c.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT reviving an act of assembly, entitled, (c) An act for the benefit of the poor, and encouragement of industry. Lib. BLC. fol. 297.

(c) 1740, ch. 11, hereby continued three years, &c.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT for punishment of horse stealers, and other offenders. Lib. BLC. fol. 298.

BE IT 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 Punishment of horse stealers, all &c.