

CHAP. XX.

all and every person and persons who shall hereafter feloniously take or steal any horse or horses, mare or mares, gelding or geldings, colt or colts, within this province, and all aiders, abettors and accessaries, either before or after the fact, of any such takers or stealers, and all and every person and persons who shall buy, take or receive any stolen horse, mare, gelding or colt, knowing the same to be feloniously taken or stolen, and shall be thereof convicted, by confession or verdict, or be outlawed, or will not upon arraignment answer directly according to law, or shall wilfully and of malice stand mute, or shall peremptorily challenge above twenty, shall for every such offence or offences as aforesaid suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

Act of burners of ships, &c.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any person or persons who shall, after the publication of this act, maliciously, wilfully and designedly, burn any ship or other vessel, sloop, shallop or boat, of seventeen feet keel, or upwards, whether laden or empty, and the aiders or abettors of such offender or offenders, being thereof convicted or attainted by due course of law, shall suffer death as a felon or felons without benefit of clergy.

Duration.

III. This act to continue for three years next ensuing, and to the end of the next session of assembly that shall happen after the said three years.

Farther continued by 1747, ch. 12, 1751, ch. 4, 1754, ch. 2, 1757, ch. 26, 1762, ch. 4, 1765, ch. 25, June, 1773, ch. 2, October, 1780, ch. 12, November, 1787, ch. 38, for 7 years, and by 1796, ch. 66, revived and continued till 20th October, 1803.

CHAP. XXI.

Passed 24th of June, 1744

An ACT to enable the rector, vestrymen and churchwardens, of St. James's parish, in Anne-Arundel county, to lease lands belonging to St. James's church, in manner and to the uses therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 298:

CHAP. XXII.

1742, ch. 23.

A Supplementary act to the act, entitled, "An act for laying out and erecting a town at a place called Long Point, on the west side of North-East river, in Cæcil county. Lib. BLC. fol. 299.

See a farther supplementary act 1750, ch. 12.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the inhabitants or takers up of the lots in Charles-town, in Cæcil county, have, by their petition to this general assembly, represented, that they have voluntarily advanced, and paid into the hands of the commissioners appointed for laying out the said town, the sum of twenty shillings upon every and respective lot by them taken up, over and above the price and purchase thereof, whereby there is paid into the hands of the said commissioners the sum of two hundred pounds current money, to be applied towards building a public wharf and store-house in the said town, for the advancement of the trade thereof, and therefore pray that a law may pass for laying out the said money towards building a public wharf and store-house on the public ground laid out and reserved for that purpose, and to direct the management of the said wharf and store-house, and also to grant them such farther privileges for the advancement of the trade, and good regulation of the said town, as may seem most fit and agreeable to encourage the settlement thereof; for the encouragement therefore of the said petitioners, and others well disposed to forward the trade and advancement of the said town, represented to be most conveniently situated for the trade of all sorts of grain, flour, flaxseed, and such like commodities,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. 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 colonel Thomas Colvill, captain Nicholas Hyland, Mr. Benjamin Pearce, Mr. Henry Baker, Mr. Zebulon Hollingsworth, Mr. John Read, and Mr. Benjamin Chew, be and are hereby appointed commissioners for laying out the said money so advanced and collected as aforesaid, as also for receiving, collecting and laying out, all such sum or sums of money that shall be advanced or given by any person or persons for the said uses; and that the said commissioners, or the major part of them, be and are hereby directed and empowered to lay out the said public money already received, or which shall be by them hereafter received, in the most careful and speedy manner, by agreeing with sufficient and able workmen to build the said public wharf, store-house or store-houses, in such place and manner on the ground aforesaid, as to the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall seem most commodious for the trade and advantage of the said town.

Not to be concerned, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no commissioner shall directly or indirectly be any way concerned in any bargain or contract to be made with any workman or workmen for building the said wharf