

ter, or where it usually flows, shall (as an encouragement to such improvers,) be for ever deemed the right, title and inheritance of such improvers, their heirs and assigns for ever. 11. None shall keep or raise any swine, geese or sheep, within the said town, unless they be well enclosed within some lot or pen. 12. All takers up of lots, and former and after purchasers under this or the former laws, conforming with the requisites therein directed, shall have a sure indefeasible estate of inheritance, in fee-simple, in the lots by them taken up, any law, custom, &c. notwithstanding.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to enable the commissary-general to enter and record, amongst the records of his office, the last will and testament of Henry Staples, deceased, for the purposes therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 327. A Private Act.

Passed 28th of Sept. 1745.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for settlement of lands therein mentioned on Francis Waring, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. Lib. BLC. fol. 328. A Private Act.

C H A P. XII.

An ACT to direct and empower the clerk of Prince-George's county to enter and record, among the records of the said county, a deed of bargain and sale from John Nevil, William Collier and Thomas Bond, to John Boyd, of a tract of land therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 329. A Private Act.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT for ascertaining the allowance of petit jurors attending the provincial court, and to limit costs with respect to evidences. Lib. BLC. fol. 330.

To continue in force three years, &c. Expired.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT for laying out one acre of land convenient to Rock Creek Landing, on Patowmack river, on the land George Gordon now lives on, and for building a rolling-house thereon. Lib. BLC. fol. 331.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT for the gauge of barrels for pork, beef, pitch, tar, turpentine, and tare of barrels for flour or bread. Lib. BLC. fol. 332.

PREVENTION of frauds and abuses frequently practised by greedy and avaricious traders in pork, beef, tar, turpentine and pitch, who, for their own private lucre and gain, not only make and set up, or cause to be made and set up, small barrels, and badly made and hooped, but slightly pack, and deceitfully fill the same, to the great prejudice of the trade of this province in the said commodities and merchandises; for the prevention of which ill practices, it is humbly prayed that it may be enacted,

Preamble.

II. AND 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 from and after the first day of October, which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, all and every barrel or barrels which shall be set up to put pork, beef, pitch, tar or turpentine, into, and also every barrel or barrels wherein pork or beef shall be packed, or wherein pitch, tar or turpentine shall be filled, either for exportation out of, or sale within this province, shall be of size and gauge to contain at least the quantity of thirty-one and a half gallons, wine measure; and that the contents of every pork barrel, at exportation or sale, shall be at the least two hundred and twenty pounds of good net pork; and of every beef barrel, the like quantity of good net beef, well salted and preserved; and that every tar or turpentine barrel shall be filled with good clean merchantable tar or turpentine, and every pitch barrel with good true made merchantable pitch.

Size and gauge of barrels, &c.

III. AND, to the end, that all and every barrel or barrels to be hereafter made use of for any of the purposes aforesaid may, from time to time, be set up, made, packed and filled, according to the directions of this act, BE IT ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid. That whatsoever person or persons shall wittingly or knowingly make or set up, or cause to be made and set up, after the first day of October, which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, any barrel or barrels for pork, beef, pitch, tar or turpentine, of less size, gauge or dimensions, than is directed by this act, all and every such person or persons, shall, for every such barrel, forfeit and pay the sum of two shillings and six pence current money, to be recovered and applied according to the directions of this act herein after mentioned.

Penalty for making them too small, &c.

IV. AND