

C H A P. XII.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, (a) An act for punishment of horse-stealers and other offenders. Passed 17th of July, 1747.
Lib. BLC. fol. 410.

(a) 1744, ch. 20, hereby continued three years, &c.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act to prevent the injuring of harbours within this province, and for repealing the act therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 410.

BEIT 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 above-mentioned act, entitled, An act to prevent the injuring of harbours within this province, and for repealing the act therein mentioned, made at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis the twentieth day of March, anno domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five, be and is hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full force for ever.

A supplement to the original act 1774, ch. 18.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT continuing an act of assembly of this province, entitled, (b) An act for the more effectual punishment of certain offenders, and for taking from them the benefit of clergy. Lib. BLC. fol. 411.

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

C H A P. XV.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, (c) A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act laying an imposition on negroes, and several sorts of liquors imported, and also on Irish servants, to prevent the importing too great a number of Irish papists into this province. Lib. BLC. fol. 411.

(c) 1735, ch. 6, hereby continued three years, &c.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT continuing an act of assembly of this province, entitled, (d) 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. 412.

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

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT to prevent certain evils and inconveniencies attending the sale of strong liquors, and running of horse-races, near the yearly meetings of the people called Quakers, and to prevent the tumultuous concourse of negroes and other slaves during the said meetings. Lib. BLC. fol. 412.

WHEREAS the people called Quakers have, by their petition to this present general assembly, set forth and complained, that (notwithstanding the former indulgence of the legislature in restraining booths, and other places for selling liquor, from being set up or kept within two miles of their meeting-house at West river, and one mile of their meeting-house at Third-Haven creek, in Talbot county, which favour they most gratefully acknowledge,) they, as well as those of other persuasions who resort to their yearly meetings, labour under and suffer many inconveniencies from the great concourse of idle and profligate white people, and great crowds of negroes, that assemble together at the usual times of their yearly meetings, held at their said meeting-houses, drinking to excess, and behaving in a riotous and turbulent manner, at booths, and other places where strong and spirituous liquor can be had, at greater distances than before mentioned, and that they have for some years last past been greatly incommoded and endangered in passing and repassing to and from their said meeting-house, in Talbot county, by multitudes of rude and disorderly people, that gather together to run horse-races on the road between the said meeting-house at Third-Haven creek, and a place near thereto, called New-Market; for prevention of which evils for the future, they have prayed that it may be enacted.

Preamble.