

and applied as aforesaid, and the person or persons who shall presume to make any horse-race, lay any wager on such race, or run for his bet on their diversion, or who shall presume to ride a race on any horse, mare or gelding, belonging to any other person, on the days and within the distance from the said respective meeting-houses aforesaid, shall for every offence forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

Constables to repair with assistance, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND DECLARED, That the constables of the several and respective hundred of the said counties of Anne-Arundel and Talbot, shall, upon their knowing, or being applied to during the time of holding the said yearly meetings, by any other person or persons informing them, that great numbers, or crowds of negroes, or other slaves have met in a tumultuous or disorderly manner within the said counties, immediately to repair with such assistance as he or they shall think necessary to such place where such negroes and other slaves shall be assembled, and require and command them immediately to disperse and retire to their several dwellings, which, if they, or any of them, shall refuse or delay to do, or shall behave impudently or turbulently, such constable or constables shall seize and take such negro or negroes, or other slave or slaves, so refusing, delaying or misbehaving, and give him, her, or them, a due correction, by whipping on the bare back with any number of stripes not exceeding thirty-nine.

IX. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That nothing herein shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent, hinder or preclude any licensed ordinary-keeper, whose settled dwelling shall happen to be within three miles or, or a nearer distance from such meeting-houses, or either of them, from erecting or building any booths, or other conveniences, for the better accommodating and refreshing persons going to or returning from such meetings, so that the same be in his or her dwelling-house, and subject to the several other restrictions and limitations herein before expressed, or from selling such liquors or accommodations in such dwelling-house.

Provido.

X. This act to continue from and after the end of this present session of assembly for and during the space of three years, and unto the end of the next session of assembly, which shall happen after the expiration of the said three years.

Duration.

Further continued by 1751, ch. 19, 1754, ch. 22, 1757, ch. 20, 1762, ch. 3, 1765, ch. 23, June, 1771, ch. 2, October, 1780, ch. 12, November, 1787, ch. 39, 1795, ch. 82, till 30th January, 1798. Revived and continued to the end of the session (and all acts done under it confirmed,) by 1798, ch. 10, except where altered by other acts, and by 1799, ch. 71, enacted into a permanent law.

By the act of 1751, ch. 19, section 4, so much of this act as prohibits the setting up and renting any booth or convenience, or selling or disposing of any strong or spirituous liquors, or other accommodation, or giving any entertainment to any person at a distance less than three miles, is repealed.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT, empowering certain commissioners therein mentioned to lay out and set a price, or cause a price to be set on two acres of land in St. Margaret's Westminster parish, in Anne-Arundel county, whereon the chapel of ease belonging to the said parish now stands. Lib. BLC. fol. 415.

Passed 11th of July, 1747.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT for raising three pence sterling per hoghead on all tobacco to be exported, for purchasing arms and ammunition, and for an immediate supply of arms for the defence of this province. Lib. BLC. fol. 416.

To remain in force till 20th September, 1749. Continued by 1749, ch. 11, till the 19th September, 1749, and then expired.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to enable Onorio Razolini to convey, in right of Elizabeth Calvert, an infant, to George Plater, Esquire, certain lands therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 418.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT for the enlargement of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 420.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, by their humble petition to this general assembly have set forth, that there is between what was formerly called Jones's-town and Baltimore-town, a parcel of land, of about eighteen acres, which is not included in what was called Jones's-town, nor in Baltimore-town, and which, by being laid out into lots, would, by means of a bridge which is already built, reduce the said places into one, and that making such addition would be an encouragement to people to build and improve; they therefore pray that the said eighteen acres of land, or thereabouts, may be laid out into lots, and made a part of Baltimore-town;

Preamble.