

1747.

MAY.

CHARLES LORD BALTIMORE.

C. H. A. P. XXIV.

and to the same uses and purposes, and under the like restrictions, as are herein before set forth, concerning lease or leases to be made by the incumbent, vestrymen and churchwardens of said parish, any law, statute, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provido.

VIII. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to make void or invalid any lease or leases, or contracts now subsisting or heretofore entered into by the rector, vestrymen and churchwardens of said parish, with any person or persons, but that the same, if any such, be and remain in full force and vigour as if this act had never been made.

Leases to be registered, &c.

IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That all lease or leases to be made by the aforesaid rector, vestrymen and churchwardens, or the major part of them, of in case of a vacancy, by the vestrymen and churchwardens, or the major part of them, shall and are hereby directed to be registered by the clerk or register of the parish aforesaid within the space of three months after the date of any such lease or leases, at the request of the lessee or lessees, and that the same lease or leases be entered word for word in the register book of said parish; that such register receive and take as a reward for so registering such lease or leases, for each, a fee of five shillings current money of Maryland, and no more; and that in case copy of any such lease or leases should be required by any person, that then the register for the time being take the like reward, and no more; and in case of any suit touching such lease or leases, then an attested copy of such lease or leases, attested by such register or registers, shall be as good evidence on either side as if the original lease or leases should be produced; and in cases of these leases, no acknowledgment shall be requisite, but leases made for the premises aforesaid, or any part of them, shall be as effectual made in pursuance of this act, as if no other law had relation to them, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed 11th of July, 1747.

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An ACT for raising a duty of three halfpence sterling per hoghead on all tobacco exported out of this province, for the use of the governor. Lib. BLC. fol. 427. To be in force till the 29th September, 1748. Continued by 1748, ch. 17, till the 29th September, 1749, and then expired.

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An ACT for continuing an act of assembly of this province, entitled, (a) An act ascertaining the gauge and tare of tobacco hogheads, and to prevent cutting, cropping and defacing tobacco taken on board ships or vessels upon freight. Lib. BLC. fol. 428. (a) 1736, ch. 9, hereby continued till the 1st December, 1748.

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An ACT reviving an act, entitled, (b) An act for the speedy and effectual publication of the laws of this province, and for the encouragement of Jonas Green, of the city of Annapolis, printer, and to other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 428. (b) 1744, ch. 4, hereby continued, and, together with this law, to be in force till 25th December, 1748.

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An ACT for the assessment and payment of the public charge of this province. Lib. BLC. fol. 430.

