

whipping on the bare back with such number of stripes, not exceeding thirty-nine for any one offence, as to him shall seem meet, and to require security for the good behaviour of such offender for and during the term of six months then next following.

C H A P.
XIX.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any servant or slave shall wittingly or willingly harbour or entertain any other servant or servants, slave or slaves, unlawfully absent from his, her or their master, owner or overseer, for and during the space of one hour, or longer, it shall and may be lawful for any magistrate, and he is hereby required, upon complaint to him made, immediately to issue his warrant against such servant or slave to harbouring or entertaining as aforesaid, and upon satisfactory proof of such harbouring or entertaining, to punish the offender or offenders, by whipping with such number of stripes on the bare back as to him shall seem proper, not exceeding thirty-nine for any one offence.

Servants har-
bouring others
to be punished,
&c.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the several sheriffs of this province shall read this act on the Wednesday in each respective county court, in full court, having first given public notice of such reading, by proclamation at the several ordinaries, or houses of entertainment, near to the court-house, on pain of forfeiting five hundred pounds of tobacco for every omission or neglect, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

Act to be read
&c.

VI. This act to continue for three years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of three years.

Duration.

Further continued by 1751, ch. 17, 1754, ch. 9, 1757, ch. 24, 1763, ch. 9, 1765, ch. 28, June, 1773, ch. 2, October, 1780, ch. 12, November, 1787, ch. 38, 1795, ch. 83, till 30th January, 1798; revived and continued till the end of the session by 1798, ch. 10, and by 1798, ch. 71, enacted into a permanent law.

C H A P. XX.

An additional and explanatory act to the act, entitled, "An act empowering the commissioners of the county courts to levy and raise tobacco to defray the necessary charges of their counties and parishes." Lib. BLC. fol. 454.

Passed 11th of
June, 1748.
1704, ch. 34.

Continued by 1751, ch. 13, 1754, ch. 10, 1757, ch. 18, 1762, ch. 6, 1765, ch. 21, June, 1773, ch. 2, for seven years. Expired.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT enabling the commissioners of Charles-town, in Cecil county, to build an inspection-house in the said town. Lib. BLC. fol. 455.

N. B. By this act, the commissioners of Charles-town were empowered to draw out, of the loan-office a sum in bills of credit, not exceeding sixty pounds, for the building an inspection-house only, on the public ground at Charles-town, and convenient to the wharf; the said commissioners of Charles-town to receive the rent appointed to be paid by the inspection law of 1747, and after repaying the sum taken out of the loan-office as aforesaid, then the rents and profits arising from the inspection-house to be paid to the said commissioners, and to be by them applied to the benefit of the public of the said town, and to no other use, &c.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to enable the justices of Prince-George's county to raise fifty-four thousand pounds of tobacco, for the repairing and finishing their court-house at Marlborough, and other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 457.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to enable Mrs. Sarah Hollyday, executrix of James Hollyday, Esquire, deceased, to pay the money therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 458. A Private Act.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT for altering and establishing certain warehouses, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 458.

To be in force till the first December, 1753. Expired.