

whereof they have been prevented from completing their collections of the said tax agreeably to law, and have prayed a further time to enable them to complete the same;

C H A P. IV.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no proceedings shall be had or commenced in behalf of this state on the collectors bonds of the said William Robertson, or the said Robert Amos, junior, until the first day of April next; and that the said William Robertson and Robert Amos, junior, be allowed until that time to complete their said collections.

No proceedings to be commenced, &c.

C H A P. V.

An ACT for the preservation of the breed of wild deer, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 88.

Passed 19th of Dec. 1789.

Supplementary and other acts 1795, ch. 49, 1799, ch. 18.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to shoot, or otherwise kill or destroy, wild deer, except from the fifteenth of September to the fifteenth of December yearly, under the penalty of five pounds for every deer so killed or destroyed, to be recovered in the county court of the county where the said offence shall be committed, by indictment or information, one half of which said sum of five pounds shall be applied to the use of the county, and the other half to be received by the person who shall make information thereof.

Deer not to be killed, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any person or persons whatsoever, in whose hands or custody any deer's flesh, or deer's skin or skins, shall be found, that shall appear to have been killed at any other time except between the said fifteenth of September and the fifteenth of December yearly, shall be deemed taken and adjudged, the killer or destroyer of such deer, and liable to the penalty aforesaid, unless such person or persons shall make it appear who it was that really killed the same, or from whom such person, thereof possessed, received the same, or that the same was not killed contrary to the prohibition of this act.

Persons having deer's flesh considered the killer, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any master, mistress or overseer, shall willingly suffer any servant or servants, slave or slaves, under his, her or their care and management, to hunt, kill or destroy any deer contrary to this act, the said master, mistress or overseer, so offending, shall forfeit the sum of five pounds, to be recovered and applied as before directed; and if any servant or servants, slave or slaves, do or shall hunt, kill or destroy, any deer contrary to this act, and without the privity and knowledge of their master, mistress or overseer, and thereof be convicted before a justice of the peace, such servant or servants, slave or slaves, shall be whipped not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, at the discretion of such justice of the peace.

Penalty on servants, &c. hunting deer, &c.

IV. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the owner from killing tame deer, or deer actually confined within parks or islands.

Proviso.

V. PROVIDED ALSO, That nothing in this act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to (a) Washington, Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties;

Proviso.

(b) By 1795, ch. 49, all persons are restrained from killing or destroying any wild deer in Washington or Allegany county, except in the months of August, September, October, November and December.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, * be and is hereby repealed.

Act repealed. Chapter 29.

This act is repealed, (as far as it respects Somerset and Worcester counties,) by 1799, ch. 18, section 6.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT to ratify certain articles in addition to, and amendment of, the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by congress to the legislatures of the several states. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 89.

WHEREAS it is provided by the fifth article of the constitution of the United States of America, that congress, whenever two thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments

Preamble.