

36. But I cannot help observing a great Inaccuracy at least in the Penning the 9<sup>th</sup> section of the act (which a Power is given to any Person to Kill a Slave making resistance, and the Person Killing is indemnified from any Prosecution for such Killing, The Expression I am satisfied meant no more than to carry an Indemnity after the Facts had been judiciously brought by Legal Trial within the Circumstances prescribed by the act, and that the act ought to receive this construction both from the Judge and Jury, But, from the manner of Penning the Expression, a Doubt may arise whether the Killer is not to be privileged even from Judgment and Trial, and yet, how shall it appear, that the Killer was Lawfully authorized to apprehend, or that the Slave had offended, or had resisted, but by Evidence at the Trial, so that a Trial is necessary to make this Excuse appear, and to being in the justification under the act. I could wish to see this Inaccuracy rectified by Expressions more explicit to obviate every Doubt and the Inconveniencies which may result from such Doubt.

The only remaining act which deserves a Particular consideration is "An Act to aid the Title of Purchasers of Lots in Princess Ann Town in Somerset county. u."

And I am sorry to find His Lordship will be under a necessity of dissent to this act. As this Law is a manifest Invasion of his Lordship's private Property without his Consent first had and may prove a mischievous Precedent hereafter if not checked in the Beginning. It Determines upon a Doubt of Escheat without apprising his Lordship of his Title even by Extinguishing the very Right of Escheat; It sells his Lordship's Lands, at a price settled by the People, and not him self, and strips him of his Quit Rents, which had been reserved to him by another act not above six Years before, without any Equivalent for what the act takes from him. How the act came to be passed in the Province or what