

such means, and in such manner as Prisoners in England, by the Law of England are and may be restrained. And if any Sheriff shall voluntarily or negligently suffer any such Prisoner to escape, such Sheriff shall pay the debt or damage to the person who obtained Judgment and sued out Execution or means thereof against the said Prisoner. And if any Person imprisoned for Felony, or other Crime deserving death shall attempt or endeavour to break the Prison, shall immediately (thereupon) be secured by the Sheriff or Gaoler, in irons. And any person so imprisoned for Felony, or other Crime deserving death as aforesaid that shall break prison, shall be punished with death. This Act to endure for three yeares, or to the end of the next gen^l assembly w^{ch} shall first happen.

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An Act for Planting of Corn.

Be it Enacted by the Lord Proprietary with the advice and Consent of the upper & lower houses of this Assembly that every taxable person planting tobacco, shall plant and tend two acres of Corn, on perill of forfeiture to the Lord Prop^{ty} for every two acres not so planted and tended as aforesaid, two hundred Pounds of tobacco: and fifty pounds of tobacco for every halfe acre that he shall fall short of that proportion. Provided, that any person showing just & lawfull Cause why he shall not plant and tend so much Corn as is provided for in this Act, such persons shall be relieved