

Hoghead : Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding:

An ACT for destroying Bears in Somerset County.

FORASMUCH as it is represented to this General Assembly, That the Inhabitants of Somerset County are much oppressed by Bears,

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That every Person that shall bring to any Justice of the Peace, in Somerset County, the Head of a Bear that was killed in the said County, shall be allowed in the Levy of the said County, One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco ; which said Sum of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for each Bear that shall be so killed, the Justices of the said County, are hereby required and impowered to levy upon the said County. And to prevent a double Allowance for one Bear, the Justice before whom any such Bear's Head shall be brought, is hereby required to cause the Ears thereof to be cut off, and its Tongue to be cut out ; and to give a Certificate thereof to the Party producing the said Head.

Provided always, That it shall not be lawful for any of the Justices of the County aforesaid, to give any Certificate for any Bear's Head (other than what shall be kill'd by an *Indian*) before the Party producing the same, shall make Oath (or Affirmation, if a *Quaker*,) that the Bear, for which the Certificate is desired, was kill'd in the County aforesaid, after the making this Act ; nor to give a Certificate for the Head of any Bear killed by an *Indian*, unless the said Head be brought to him whole and entire, and that it appear to be green, and fresh kill'd : Any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. This Act to continue in Force for Three Years, and from thence 'till the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the said Three Years.

An ACT impowering the Justices of Calvert County,

to finish the Court-House of that County, by an Assessment on the Inhabitants thereof : As also for the Relief of John Critchard, and William Kidd, two of the Builders of the said Court-House.

WHEREAS *John Critchard, and William Kidd,* by their Petition to this General Assembly, have set forth, that they are greatly damnified by their Undertaking to build the New Court-house in Calvert County ; and have prayed Leave to bring in a Bill to impower the Justices of the said County, to cause to be levied on the Taxable Persons within the said County, what this General Assembly shall think sufficient for their Relief :

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Calvert County-court, do cause to be levied on the Taxable Persons within the said County, by an equal Assessment, any Sum of Tobacco they think fit, not exceeding the Quantity of Seven Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, next November County-court, if they shall think proper ; or partly then, and partly November Court, Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Nine ; which said Tobacco to be levied, shall be collected by the Sheriff of the said County ; and when collected, shall, by the said Justices, be appropriated to the Finishing and Painting the said Court-house, in such Manner as they shall think fit.

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