

vent the tumultuous Meeting and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of trying of Slaves, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Twenty-sixth Day of April, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-seven, be, and is hereby continued in full Force, for and during the Term of Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly that shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

An Act reviving an Act of Assembly entituled, *An Act for the Benefit of the Poor, and Encouragement of Industry.*

BE it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Act entituled, *An Act for the Benefit of the Poor, and Encouragement of Industry*, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Seventh Day of July, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty, be, and is hereby revived and continued in full Force, from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, for and during the Term of Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly that shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

An Act revived.

An Act for Punishment of Horse-Stealers, and other Offenders.

BE it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That all and every Person and Persons, who shall hereafter feloniously take or steal any Horse or Horses, Mare or Mares, Gelding or Geldings, Colt or Colts, within this Province, and all Aiders, Abettors, and Accessaries, either before or after the Fact, of any such Takers or Stealers, and all and every Person and Persons who shall buy, take, or receive any stolen Horse, Mare, Gelding, or Colt, knowing the same to be feloniously taken or stolen, and shall be thereof convicted, by Confession or Verdict, or be outlawed, or will not upon Arraignment answer directly according to Law, or shall wilfully and of Malice stand mute, or shall peremptorily challenge above Twenty, shall for every such Offence or Offences as aforesaid, suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Horse-Stealers, &c. how punished.

And be it further Enacted, That any Person or Persons who shall, after the Publication of this Act, maliciously, wilfully, and designedly burn any Ship or other Vessel, Sloop, Shallop, or Boat, of Seventeen Feet Keel, or upwards, whether laden or empty, and the Aiders or Abettors of such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted or attainted by due Course of Law, shall suffer Death as a Felon or Felons, without Benefit of Clergy.

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