

venteen Hundred and Fifty, be, and is hereby continued to be and remain in full Force, for and during the Term of Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

An Act continuing an Act entituled, *An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law,* and for continuing the Supplementary Act thereto.

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS, an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, *An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law,* made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Twenty second Day of June, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fourteen, and also one other Act entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law,* made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Third Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Eight, are found by Experience, to be good and beneficial Acts for the Inhabitants of this Province :

Two Acts continued.

II. *BE it therefore 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 said Acts of Assembly to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

An Act to prevent Masters of Ships and Vessels from clandestinely carrying Servants and Slaves, or Persons indebted, out of this Province.

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS divers Servants and Slaves, belonging to the People of this Province, and Persons Indebted therein, have been carried away out of the same Province, in Ships or Vessels trading therein, to the great Loss and Damage of his Majesty's Subjects, the good People of *Maryland* : To prevent therefore so great an Evil, it is prayed that it may be enacted ;

Masters of Vessels, when they enter, to be sworn, that they will not clandestinely carry away any Servants, &c.

II. *AND 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 from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, when, and as often as, any Commander, or Master of a Vessel, above Eighteen Feet by the Keel, shall come to enter with, or take out a Permit from, any Naval-Officer within this Province, or the Limits or Precincts thereof, it shall not be lawful for such Naval-Officer, to suffer such Commander, or Master, to enter such his Vessel with him or them, or grant him or them a Permit to trade within the said Province, until such Commander, or Master, shall have taken the following Oath, on the Holy Evangels of Almighty GOD, or Affirmation if a Quaker, which Oath, or Affirmation, such Naval-Officer or Officers are hereby empowered to administer, *viz. I A. B. Commander of the Ship or Vessel C. will not clandestinely conceal, or permit to be concealed, on board*

The Oath.