

under their Care, and belonging to any other Person or Persons, to go at large in the said Town, it shall and may be lawful for any Person, to shoot or otherwise destroy such Swine or Geese, found at large as aforesaid.

C H A P. XXVI.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be Sued or Impleaded for shooting, or otherwise destroying such Swine or Geese as aforesaid, the Defendant or Defendants may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence.

Persons shooting indem- nified.

C H A P. XXVII.

An ACT empowering the Justices of *Prince George's* and *Charles* Counties, to levy on the taxable Persons of *Saint John's* (commonly called *King George's*) Parish, in the said Counties, the Sum of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the necessary Enlargement of their Parish Church.

Passed 26th of November.

WHEREAS the Rector, Vestry-men, Church-wardens, and sundry Parishioners of *Saint John's* (commonly called *King George's*) Parish, in *Prince George's* and *Charles* Counties, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, representing, that their Parish Church is too small for the Congregation which usually resorts thereto, have prayed that an Act may pass for the Assessment of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, for enlarging the same;

Preamble.

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 Justices of *Prince George's* and *Charles* Counties, for the Time being, shall be, and they are hereby, empowered and required, on the application of the Vestry and Church-wardens of *Saint John's* (commonly called *King George's*) Parish, in *Prince George's* and *Charles* Counties, to Assess and Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, the aforesaid Sum of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and the Salary of Five per Centum to the Sheriff for collecting the same, at two equal Assessments, which said Assessments shall be respectively made by the Justices aforesaid, in proportion to the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, residing in their several and respective Counties, and the same, together with the Sheriff's Salary for Collection, shall be Payable by the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, and Collected by the Sheriffs of the said Counties in the same Manner as Publick and County Levies are Payable and Collected, and shall be by them respectively paid to the Vestry and Church-wardens of the said Parish, for the Time being, who are hereby authorized and empowered to apply the same to Enlarging the said Church, in such manner as to them shall seem most necessary and convenient, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever: Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

56000<sup>lbs</sup> of Tobacco to be levied at Two Assessments,

for Enlarging a Church.

C H A P. XXVIII.

An ACT for imposing an additional Duty of Two Pounds per Poll on all Negroes Imported into this Province.

Passed 26th of November.

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, all Masters of Ships and other Vessels, and all other Persons, importing or bringing Negroes into this Province, either by Land or by Water, shall, at the Time of making their Entry, or bringing in the same, Pay unto the Naval-Officer of the Port or Place where they shall make

Additional Duty of 40 s. on each Negro imported.