

C H A P. XII. and Sixty-two, be, and is hereby revived and continued in full Force, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, for and during the Term of Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

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C H A P. XIII.

An ACT to prohibit raising of Swine and Geese, in *George-Town*, in *Kent County*; and in *Snow-Hill Town*, in *Worcester County*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly, That divers Persons, living in *George-Town*, in *Kent County*, and in *Snow-Hill Town*, in *Worcester County*, do raise and keep great Numbers of Swine and Geese, within the same Towns, to the great Prejudice of the Inhabitants thereof;

No Person to keep Swine or Geese, in *George-Town*, or *Snow-Hill Town*, in *Kent* and *Worcester* Counties, unless within their Inclosures.

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 no Person or Persons, whatsoever, living, or that shall hereafter live, in either of the said Towns, shall, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, under any Pretence whatsoever, keep, or support, within either of the said Towns, any Swine, or Geese, belonging to themselves, or to any other Person, whatsoever; unless such Swine, or Geese, be kept within such Person, or Person's Inclosure, so keeping, or supporting such Swine, or Geese.

Swine or Geese suffered to go at large, may be shot, &c.

III. And be it further Enacted, That in case any Person, or Persons, whatsoever, living, or that shall live, in either of the said Towns, shall, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, suffer any Swine, or Geese, belonging to themselves, or under their Care, belonging to any other Person, go at large, within either of the said Towns, it shall, and may be lawful, for any Person, to shoot, or otherwise destroy, such Swine, or Geese, so found at large.

Persons sued, may plead the General Issue.

IV. And be it likewise Enacted, That if any Person shall be sued, or impleaded, for shooting, or otherwise destroying, such Swine, or Geese, as aforesaid, the Defendant may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matter, in Evidence.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT for erecting a Court-House, and Public-Prison, for *Baltimore County*, in the Town of *Baltimore*; and for making Sale of the old Court-House, and Prison.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*, have petitioned this General Assembly, setting forth, That the present Court-House, for the said County, situate in *Joppa*, is considerably too small for transacting therein the Public Business; that the same is greatly out of Repair, and the Offices thereof confined, and the whole Building slight, and insecure, for keeping the Public Records of the said County; and that the County Jail, from its original ill Construction, has been a continual Expence to the County, and defective and insufficient, to prevent frequent Escapes of Criminals, and other Persons; and that from the small Number of Houses, in the said Town of *Joppa*, the People who attend the Courts, cannot be accommodated, whereby early Adjournments, and late Meetings of the Courts, are unavoidable, and the Public Business greatly retarded; and praying, that a Law may pass, for disposing of the Ground, and Materials,