

R O B E R T E D E N, Esq; GOVERNOR. 1774.

for the Purpose of selling, or in any Manner distributing any such Liquors, mixed or unmixed, on any or either of the said Holy Days, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings Current Money for every such Offence, to be recovered before any one Justice of the Peace of the County wherein the Offence shall be committed; one Half to the Informer, or him or her who will prosecute for the same, and the other Half to the Use of the same County towards defraying the Charge thereof.

III. And be it enacted, That all Booths, and other Conveniences erected or set up contrary to this Act, shall be and are hereby declared to be public Nuisances, and it shall and may be lawful for any Person to abate, pull down, and destroy the same, and to seize all Liquors exposed or kept for Sale in or at any such Booth, or other Convenience, on any of the said Days, together with the Vessels which contain the same Liquors, and the Property thereof shall be vested by such Seizure in such Person who shall seize the same.

IV. And be it enacted, That all Assemblies and Meetings of Servants or Slaves, at any Booth, or other Convenience as aforesaid, on any of the said Days, shall be and is hereby declared to be unlawful, and if any Servant or Slave shall be found drinking or loitering in or near any such Booth, or other Convenience, on any of the said Days, it shall and may be lawful for any Person to whip such Servant or Slave, not exceeding Twenty Stripes; and if any Constable shall know or be informed that any such Booth, or other Convenience as aforesaid, is erected within his Hundred, contrary to this Act, such Constable shall forthwith repair thereto, and with Assistance, if necessary, pull down, abate, and destroy the same; and it is hereby declared to be the Duty of all Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Coroners, deputy Sheriffs, and Constables, to cause all Booths and other Conveniences, erected contrary to this Act, to be pulled down and destroyed, and all Persons whatsoever who shall be called on for that Purpose by any of the said Officers, shall and are hereby required to assist such Officer therein; and if any Person shall be sued for any Thing done in Execution of this Act, the Person sued may plead the general Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence.

V. This Act to continue Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

G. H. A. P. XXVIII.

#### An ACT for the Relief of insolvent Debtors.

B E it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and Persons remaining in Prison 20 Days after Commitment to petition 3 Justices for their Discharge, &c. with the Advice and Consent of his Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person, who shall after the First Day of October next, be committed, or charged in Execution, or, for want of special Bail, at any Time after he or she shall have actually remained in Prison, by the Space of Twenty Days, on such Commitment or Charge, shall petition any Three Justices of the Peace of the County wherein such Prisoner shall be detained as aforesaid, for his or her Discharge, such Justices shall thereupon appoint a Time for their Meeting, not less than Thirty Days nor exceeding Forty Days thereafter, at the Court-House for said County or Jail in which he or she shall be so detained, for his or her Discharge, and their said Appointment shall certify in Writing to the Sheriff