

N. B. By this Act, (1.) The Justices of St. Mary's County, together with the Sheriff and Surveyor, are appointed Commissioners to execute the several Matters, &c. in this Act directed, (2.) The said Commissioners to meet at the Court-house at Leonard-Town, on or before 30th August 1744, in order to divide the County into Four distinct Parishes, first giving Public Notice Twenty Days before such Meeting; and then and there agree upon the Time, Manner, &c. of making the Division aforesaid. (3.) The Commissioners empowered to appoint a suitable Clerk, and to pay their Clerk, and other incident Charges, by a County Levy; and also to adjourn as to them shall seem needful. (4.) The Commissioners to lay out, or cause to be laid out, divided, and separated, the said County of St. Mary's, into Four different and distinct Parishes, by suitable, natural and artificial Lines, Buttments and Boundaries, with regard to the Conveniency of the People, and so as the Number of Taxables in the said County may be as equally divided into the said Four Parishes, as the Nature of the Thing will permit. (5.) The Commissioners to cause the Division of the County into Four Parishes by them made, to be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book, by natural and artificial Bounds and Courses as aforesaid, in Four distinct Certificates, and return the same to the County Clerk, by him to be entered among the County Records, there to remain as the true and indisputable Bounds of the said Parishes respectively. The Commissioners also to return Duplicates of the said Certificates, to the Vestry of each Parish, &c. to be entered in their respective Registers. And the Division so made and recorded in the County Court Office, and respective Registers of the said Four Parishes, to be taken and deemed the true Bounds and Limits of the said Four Parishes in St. Mary's County. (6.) The Commissioners empowered either to alter or continue the Names of the present Parishes, and to give Name to what Parish they shall add; which Names shall be entered in the said respective Certificates, and by the same shall be called at all Times hereafter. (7.) All that Part of All-Faith, and King and Queen Parishes, now being within Charles County, shall hereafter be deemed and remain a distinct and separate Parish, by the Name of Trinity Parish; but so as not to affect the 40 per Poll, until after the Decease or Removal of the present Incumbent or Incumbents of the same Parishes of All-Faith, and King and Queen, &c. (8.) The Free-holders of the said Four Parishes in St. Mary's County respectively, and of the said Trinity Parish in Charles County, are empowered to make Choice of Vestry-men, Church-wardens, &c. And the said respective Free-holders and Vestries, to have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the Rights, Liberties, Privileges, &c. which any other Parishes or Vestries within this Province have, or hereafter may have. (9.) Such Divisions or Alterations of the Parishes aforesaid, or the erecting the aforesaid Trinity Parish, in Charles County, not to take Place or Effect, until the Death or Removal of the present Incumbents respectively, so as to alter the yearly Income of any of the said present Incumbents in the Parishes they now enjoy.

C H A P. XV.

An Act for Building a Prison in Worcester County. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 295. Passed 4th June 1744. The Justices of Worcester empowered to build a County Prison in Snow-Hill Town; and the Commissioners of the Loan Office to pay them 500*l.* in Bills of Credit for that Purpose.

C H A P. XVI.

An Act to enable Samuel Wilson, Executor of Margaret Lindow, to convey certain Lands to David Wilson. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 295. PR. Ditto.

C H A P. XVII.

An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders; and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 296. EXP. Ditto.

^g 1737, ch. 2, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XVIII.

An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves; and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meeting and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves; and directing the Manner of Trying Slaves. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 297. EXP. Ditto.

^h 1737, ch. 7, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XIX.

An Act reviving an Act of Assembly, entitled, An Act for the Benefit of the Poor, and Encouragement of Industry. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 297. EXP. Ditto.

ⁱ 1740, ch. 11, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT for Punishment of Horse-Stealers, and other Offenders. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 298. Ditto.

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, with-