

Bacon hereafter shall be, bona Fide, made of any of the Choptank Indians Lands, comprehended within the Metes and Bounds surveyed and ascertained by the Honourable Philemon Lloyd, Esq; Colonel Richard Tilghman, and Colonel Matthew Tilghman Ward, Commissioners as aforesaid, and lying to the Eastward, Southward or Westward of the Lines run by Colonel Thomas Smithson, and Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Ennalls aforesaid, be, and are hereby confirmed and made valid unto the Purchasers or Takers up of the Same, and their Heirs and Assigns for ever; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

VII. Provided likewise, That such Purchases by any Person or Persons of any Land belonging to the Choptank Indians aforesaid, be made when those Indians are Sober, and of sound and perfect Memory; and the Consideration agreed for paid, or secured to be paid to them, by such Purchasers, before the Executing of the Deeds of Sale; and that all Deeds of Sale hereafter made by the Indians aforesaid, shall be acknowledged by them before the Justices of the County in Court sitting, or before One or more of his Lordship's Council, who are hereby impowered to take the same, otherwise to be void, and of no Effect.

Chap. XIX An Act for the Encouragement of Learning, and erecting Schools in the several Counties within this Province.

Whereas the preceding Assemblies for some Years past have had much at Heart the absolute Necessity they have lain under, in regard both to Duty and Interest, to make the best Provision in their Power for the liberal and pious Education of the Youth of this Province, and improving their natural Abilities and Acuteness, (which seems not to be inferior to any) so as to be fitted for the Discharge of their Duties in the several Stations and Employments they may be called to, and employed in, either in regard to Church or State; and for that End laid an Imposition on Sundry Commodities exported out of, and others imported into, this Province, and other Fines, for the raising a Fund for the erecting and supporting a good School in each County within this Province, which has succeeded with such desired Effect, that it is now thought necessary, and is prayed that it may be Enacted

II. And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, 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 in some convenient Time, after the End of this present Session of Assem-