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Bear's Head (other than what shall be killed by an Indian) before Session the Party producing the same shall make Oath (or Affirmation if a Laws Quaker) that the Bear, for which the Certificate is desired, was killed in the County aforesaid, after the making this Act; nor to give a Certificate for the Head of any Bear killed by an Indian, unless the said Head be brought to him whole and entire, and that it appear to be green, and fresh killed; anything herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

III. This Act to continue in Force for Three Years, and from and XIV are thence 'til the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall private acts; text not happen after the said Three Years.

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An Act for Erecting a new Parish, out of that Part of St. Paul's Chap. XV Parish that lies in Anne-Arundel County, and out of All- p. 25 Hallow's and St. Anne's Parishes in the said County.

Whereas it is represented to this present General Assembly, by the Inhabitants in and about Elk-Ridge, in Anne-Arundel County, That they have been for many Years in a melancholly Condition, for want of the Gospel, and the Blessed Means thereof, dispenced among them, the Parish-Church in St. Paul's Parish aforesaid, wherein they live, lying at such Distance, and the Falls so difficult, that it is impossible for them and their Families to repair to it: And therefore the said Inhabitants humbly prayed, that they might have a new Parish taken out of the several Parishes aforesaid, according to the Bounds hereafter expressed.

And whereas, the Rev. Messieurs William Tibbs, John Humphrys, and Joseph Colebatch, the present Incumbents of the several Parishes aforesaid, having had due Notice hereof, and making no material Objections against the Passing of an Act as above prayed; and forasmuch as the Prayer of the Petitioners aforesaid, is thought reasonable by the present General Assembly to be granted as prayed,

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of December next ensuing, all the remaining Part heretofore called Elk-Ridge Hundred, which was not annexed to Westminster Parish, being now Part of St. Paul's Parish aforesaid, and all that Part of All-Hallow's Parish bounded by a Line drawn from the Mouth of Rogues Harbour Branch, on Patuxent River, to the North Branch, or Snowden's River, on the Southward of Thomas Jones's Plantation: Also all that Part of St. Anne's Parish bounded by a Line drawn from the Mouth of a small Branch running into Patuxent River, and lying between the Plantations of John Ryon and Rose Lee, and running by a streight Line through the Woods, till it intersects the former Divisional Line between Anne-Arundel and Balte-