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liams, Capt. John Hicks, and M^r John Leigh, of St. Mary's County, Gent, And Col. John Fendall, M^r John Courts, Capt. George Dent, M^r Randolph Morris, M^r Henry Holland Hawkins, M^r John King, and Doctor Gustavus Brown, of Charles County, Gentlemen, be by Virtue of this Act appointed Commissioners, to Regulate and Divide the several Parishes, within the said Counties; which said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby required, on the First Tuesday in July next ensuing, to meet at Bird's Creek Bridges; and at such Meeting, they are hereby authorized and impowered to proceed to the Regulating the several Parishes in the said Counties, after such Manner as to them, or the major Part of them, shall seem most to the Ease and Convenience of the Inhabitants of each respective Parish; which said Parishes, so by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, to be divided, shall be by the said Commissioners ascertain'd, either by Natural Boundaries, Artificial Courses, or otherwise; and a full and fair Account of their Proceedings, and the Boundaries, Sign'd by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall be by the said Commissioners, return'd to the next General Assembly, for their Inspection and Approbation.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the Persons herein before-named Commissioners, shall fail or refuse to be present at the Time and Place herein prefix'd not being hindred by Sickness, or other unavoidable Accident, or being present shall refuse to proceed to the Executing the Power herein before given them, shall forfeit and pay One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; to be recovered in the County-court, and applied to the Use of the County where such Person shall reside, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

Chap.
XXIII
An Act to prevent the Abuses of concealing convicted Felons, and other Offenders, imported into this Province, and for the better Discovery of them.

Whereas by the Statute of the Fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, (of glorious Memory) entitled, An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies, and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; and for to declare the Law in some Points relating to Pirates, it is Enacted and Provided, " That where
" any Person or Persons should be convicted of Offences (within
" the Benefit of Clergy) and liable to be Whipt, or Burnt in the
" Hand, or ordered to any Work-house; or that should be Con-
" vict of Grand or Petit Larceny, or any Felonious Stealing, or
" taking of Money, Goods, or Chattels, either from the Person, or
" the House of any Person, or any other Manner, and who, by the
" Law, should be entitled to the Benefit of Clergy, and liable only