

the said Act mentioned Provided Always that in Case it shall happen that the said Samuel Ogle shall be Inforced to purchase a Greater Quantity of Land without the Fence or Inclosure of the said City then Eight Acres then and in such Case no more shall be Inclosed for Gardens Orchards or any other Improvements to the said Intended House Belonging than Eight Acres so that the Country may not hereafter be Liable or put to the Expense of Keeping up or Repairing the Inclosure or Pailing of more than Eight Acres Provided that the rest of the Land so to be purchased Besides the said Eight acres without The Town shall belong to the Publick and Subject to be disposed off as such

Chap. II An Act for the more Effectual Punishment of Certain Offenders and  
 P. 170 for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy.

Forasmuch As all the Laws heretofore made for the Punishment of Offenders and for Securing honest Men in their Just Property are found by Experience to be Insufficient for those Purposes and that the Poorer Sort of People who are obliged for want of Better Conveniences to keep their Goods in Tobacco Houses and other Out Houses are more Exposed to be Pillaged and Robbed of Their Substance than Persons of Greater Ability and that Considerable Part of the Property of People of all Conditions Are kept in Out Houses not only remote from their Dwelling houses but also very Weak in themselves and easily Broken which hath given frequent Oppertunities to Offenders to break into such Houses and to Steal from thence Divers Goods and Chattels to the utter undoing of of Some Poor Persons and the Prejudice of all Sufferers And Whereas Several Offenders have Stolen Boats and other Vessels and Even Slaves which Practice is of the most Dangerous Tendency and may if not Timely Prevented, Occasion Piracys and all manner of Villainys and that Offenders have been Encouraged to Committ the said Crimes by the Lenity of our Laws, and Expectation of having the Benefit of Clergy, when Detected

for the more Effectual Prevention of which Crimes and Punishment of such Offenders as shall commit Any of them Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, 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 any Person or Persons who shall after the tenth Day of September Next Break any Tobacco House Or other Out Houses whatsoever and Steal from thence any Goods or Chattles to the Value of five Shillings Sterling or who shall Councill hire Command Aid or Abet any Person or Persons to Commit the said Offences or who Shall be Accessarys to any of the said Offences and be thereof Convict by Confession upon his or their Arraignment Verdict of a Jury or be Out Lawed or who shall Obstinateley or of Malice stand Mute