

CONVICTS.

2. The Master or chief Officer of such Ship, shall lodge such Testimonial with the County Clerk, under Penalty of 5*l.* for every Offence, to be applied as aforesaid: And a Copy of such Testimonial under the Clerk's Hand, shall be full Evidence. *Ibid.* §. 6.

3. Every Person importing Servants into this Province by Land or Water, shall make Oath (or Affirmation if a Quaker) before the Naval Officer, "Whether, to the best of his Knowledge, such Servants be under Sentence of Transportation; and if so, for what Offence, and the Term of Years they have to serve." *Ibid.* §. 7, and 1729, *ch.* 26.

4. Persons importing Servants, and refusing to take such Oath, forfeit 100*l.* Current Money: And the Naval Officer neglecting to administer the same, forfeits 100*l.* like Money, to be applied as aforesaid. 1728, *ch.* 23, §. 8.

5. Persons Forswearing themselves, or falsely Affirming in the Premises, are liable to be prosecuted and suffer as in Case of Perjury. *Ibid.* §. 9.

6. A Copy of such Oath, certified by the Naval Officer, shall be good in Law, in any Dispute concerning such Convict, as if given *vivâ voce* at the Trial. *Ibid.* §. 10.

7. Any Provincial or County Magistrate, on Application or Suspicion, may examine any of the Ship's Crew, touching their Knowledge of Convicts; and such Examination or Deposition shall be good in Law as if given *vivâ voce*. *Ibid.* §. 11.

8. In all Criminal Prosecutions against any Convicts, imported as such into this Province, the Testimony, upon Oath, of any other Convicts, imported as such, shall be received and allowed, such Conviction or Disability notwithstanding. 1751, *ch.* 11, §. 2.

9. But any such Convict, sworn as a Witness in such Case, who shall swear falsely, shall suffer as in Case of wilful and corrupt Perjury. *Ibid.* §. 3.

COOPERS. See *Gauge of Barrels*.

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CORPORATIONS. See *Annapolis*, 14. *Delegates*, 6. *Schools*, 2, 18.

COSTS OF SUIT. See *Administrators*, 18, 20. *Advancement of Justice*, 3. *Arrests*, 2. *Attorneys*, 13. *Constables*, 10. *Continuance of Actions*, 2. *Demand of Debts*, 2, 3. *Foreign Debts*, 4. *Hemp and Flax*, 3. *Records*, 5, 8. *Runaways*, 10. *Tobacco Run*, 5, 8.

COUNCILLORS. See *Appeals*, 7. *Delegates*, 7. *Governor*, 2. *Letters Public*, 3. *Militia*, 5. *Protestant Interest*, 1, 4.

COUNSELLING. See *House-Breaking*, 3.

COUNTERFEITING Inspectors Notes or Stamps. See *Inspectors*, 49.

COUNTERFEITING of Money. See *Coins*, 1.

COUNTERFEITING of the Seals. See *Seals*.

COUNTIES.

1. *Anne-Arundel* County erected; 1650, *ch.* 8.

2. The Bounds of *St. Mary's* and *Charles* Counties; and between *Talbot* and *Kent* Counties, are settled, and a new County erected by the Name of *Prince-George's*, 1695, *ch.* 13. And the same Divisions are confirmed. 1704, *ch.* 92, §. 1, 2.

3. The Bounds and Limits of *Anne-Arundel* and *Baltimore* Counties, are settled by the Act of 1698, *ch.* 13. But so far of that Act as relates to the South Side of *Patapsco* River, being added to *Baltimore* County, is repealed by 1726, *ch.* 1.

4. Every County lying on any navigable River, shall extend its Jurisdiction from the Shore to the Channel of the River, and be divided from the other County by the said Channel. And where any Ship shall ride at Anchor in such Channel, Process may be served on board by the Officer of either County; but if Moored by any Hold on the Land, she shall be deemed to lie

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in that County to whose Shore she is fastened. 1704, *ch.* 92, §. 3.

5. The Bounds of *Talbot*, *Kent*, and *Cecil* Counties regulated; and a new County by the Name of *Queen-Anne's* County, constituted. 1706, *ch.* 3.

6. *Somerset* County divided; and *Worcester* County erected thereout. 1742, *ch.* 19.

7. Part of *Prince-George's* County taken off, and added to *Charles* County. 1748, *ch.* 14.

8. *Prince-George's* County divided, and *Frederick* County erected thereout. 1748, *ch.* 15.

9. The Division between *Baltimore* and *Frederick* Counties, and between *Dorchester* and *Worcester* Counties, settled. 1750, *ch.* 13.

10. The Justices of *Dorchester* County, enabled to Lease out Part of the Prison Lands. 1757, *ch.* 12.

COUNTRY BOTTOMS;

1. —Are exempted from Payment of Port-Duties or Anchorage. See *Port-Duties*.

2. No Duties imposed by this Act; shall be payable for Servants, Negroes or Liquors; imported in any Ship or Vessel built in this Province, whose Owners are all actual Residents; nor in any Vessel, *English* or *Plantation* built, purchased and enjoyed by Owners who are all actual Residents, &c. Provided such Servants, Negroes or Liquors, are imported in such Vessels into the Capes of *Chesapeake* Bay, or some of the Inlets on the Sea-board Side of *Somerset* County, and not taken on board in the said Bay, &c. or from on board any other Vessel within Ten Leagues of the Capes. 1715, *ch.* 36, §. 17.

3. For preventing Abuses practiced under Sanction of the preceding Article, Resident Owners of every Ship or Vessel, shall, at the Time of Entry; or before Clearance, take an Oath before the Naval Officer of the District where she shall load or unload, that they are the true and only Owners, &c. (See the Act for the Form.) And Resident Owners refusing to comply herewith, shall have no Benefit, but stand on the same Foot with Non-Residents. 1720, *ch.* 26, §. 2 and 4.

4. In Case of any Resident Owner's being beyond Seas about his reasonable Affairs, not exceeding 12 Months; his Oath during such Absence, may be dispensed with; the other Owners Residents (if any be) taking the same Oath. *Ibid.* §. 3.

5. For preventing the Inconveniencies which Resident Owners may be put to, in entering their Vessels; who live remote from any Naval Officer, an Oath made by the Owners of any Vessel, before a Magistrate in the County where such Owners reside, agreeable to the Form prescribed in 1720, *ch.* 26; and a Certificate thereof under Hand and Seal of the Magistrate, shall be as effectual, as if taken before the Naval Officer of the Port where such Vessel shall be entered: Provided such Certificate be delivered to the Naval Officer some Time before Clearing the Vessel. 1731, *ch.* 18, §. 1, 2, 3.

6. Owners of Vessels residing in different Counties; may make separate Oaths before a single Magistrate (See the Act for the Form:) And on producing Certificate thereof, under Hand and Seal of the Magistrate before whom taken, to the Naval Officer, before clearing the Vessel; shall have the same Privileges and Advantages, as if they had taken Oath before the Naval Officer. *Ibid.* §. 4.

7. The Additional Duty of 20*s.* Currency per Poll on all *Irish* Servants being *Papists*, and on all Negroes imported; appropriated by the Act of 1717, *ch.* 10, to the Encouragement of County Schools, is declared to be payable for all such Servants and Negroes imported in Country Bottoms. 1728, *ch.* 8, §. 4, 5.

See *Collectors*, 1. *Governor*, 1. *Irish Servants*, 5. *Naval Officers*, 7. *Port-Duties*, per Tot. *Residents*, 3, 4.

COUNTRY DEBTS. See *Administrators*, 14. *Bankrupts*, 2—5.