

PUBLIC ARMS.

ter which the Officers and Men shall become liable as before directed. And the Officer neglecting such Muster and Return, shall be liable for the Value of the Arms delivered to his deceased Predecessor, &c. *Ibid.* §. 16.

12. No Officer, nor his Executors, &c. shall be liable for Arms delivered to any of the Militia, who, (after Receipt thereof, and before Satisfaction made to the Officer for Loss, Damage, &c. of such Arms,) shall prove insolvent. *Ibid.* §. 17.

See *Musters*, 11.

PUBLICATION. See *Marriages*.

PUBLIC CHARGES.

1. A Duty or Imposition of 20s. Sterling per Poll, for all *Irish* Servants, (being Papists) imported into this Province, is applied towards defraying the Public Charges of this Province. 1715, *ch.* 36, §. 7.

2. A like Duty of 20s. Sterling per Poll is laid on all Negroes imported, and applied to the same Use. *Ibid.* §. 8.

3. A Duty of 3d. per Gallon, on all Rum, Brandy, Spirits or Wine, imported, except from *Great-Britain*, is applied to the same Use. *Ibid.* §. 9.

4. But the above Duties are not payable for such Servants, Slaves, or Liquors, imported in Country Bottoms. *Ibid.* §. 17.

5. These Duties shall be collected by the several Naval Officers, within their respective Districts, who shall be allowed 8 per Cent for their Salary. *Ibid.* §. 14.

6. The Naval Officers shall give good Security to the Governor, and make Oath well and faithfully to gather the Impost arising by virtue of this Act, &c. and shall twice a Year account with the Public Treasurers appointed to receive the same. *Ibid.* §. 13.

7. The Treasurers shall be allowed 5 per Cent Salary, shall give Bond to be accountable, and shall render Account to the Assembly at each successive Meeting, to be by them disposed of towards defraying the Public Charges of the Province. *Ibid.*

See *Levies*, 3. *Liquors Imported*, 1, 8. *Fines*, 20.

PUBLIC CREDITORS.

Public Creditors may (for the speedy Satisfaction of their Dues) either apply to the Governor to put the Sheriff's Bond in Suit, or may immediately have Action of Debt against such Sheriff for their Public Dues. 1715, *ch.* 46, §. 4.

See *Discount*.

PUBLIC DUES.

Public Dues shall be demanded of the Sheriff by the 25th December, yearly, and by the Sheriff, at or before the 20th February in every Year; otherwise the Public Debtor shall not be liable to Execution for Public Dues or Officers Fees in that Year. 1715, *ch.* 46, §. 5.

See *Hemp and Flax*, 2.

PUBLIC GOAL.

1. A Public Goal to be built at *Annapolis*, and to remain in Possession and Custody of the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County. 1736, *ch.* 6, §. 1.

2. The Provincial Court may commit any Prisoners to the Custody of the said Sheriff, either to be detained by him, or remanded to any other Prison, as the Nature of the Case shall require. But the said Court shall not hereby acquire any Power or Jurisdiction contrary to the Act of 1715, *ch.* 28, for taking Special Bail. *Ibid.* §. 2, 3.

PUBLIC LETTERS. See *Letters Public*.

PUBLIC NOTARY. See *Foreign Debts*, 2, 3.

PUBLIC TREASURERS. See *Treasurers*.

PUNISHMENT OF NEGROES convicted of Petit-Treason, Murder, or Wilfully Burning any Dwelling-House, &c. See *Negroes*, 34.

PUNISHMENT OF NEGROES striking any White

Person. See *Negroes*, 27.

PURCHASERS. Their Rights secured. See *Conveyances*.

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QUAKERS.

1. IN all Cases where the People of this Province are obliged to take the Oaths to his Majesty's Government, the Quakers shall likewise be obliged to take their Affirmation instead of such Oaths. 1724; *ch.* 18, §. 2.

2. No Person shall set up any Booth, or sell or dispose of any Liquor, or other Matter whatsoever; within One Mile of the Yearly Meeting-House in *Talbot* County, or Two Miles of the Yearly Meeting-House near *West-River*, in *Anne-Arundel* County, during the Time of the Quakers Yearly Meetings; on Penalty of 10l. Currency: One Half to the County School, the other Half to the Informer. 1725, *ch.* 6, §. 2. But see below, Art. 7 and 8.

3. Any County Magistrate, on Complaint, may issue his Warrant for bringing the Offender before him; and, on Proof, may commit him to Prison till he shall remove the Booth, &c. and give Security to answer for his Offence at the next County Court. *Ibid.* §. 3.

4. This Act shall not extend to hinder Ordinary-keepers from selling Liquors in their Dwelling-Houses. *Ibid.* §. 4.

5. No Person shall Run or Pace any Races with Horses, &c. for Wagers, Diversion, or other Pretence whatsoever, within the Distance of Five Miles from the Meeting-House in *Talbot* County, or the Meeting-House on *West-River* in *Anne-Arundel* County, on the Days on which the Quakers Yearly Meetings shall be respectively held, on Penalty of 5l. Currency on the Owner who shall Run or Pace his Horse, or knowingly suffer the same to be Run, for every such Race; and the like Penalty on every one who shall Wager on such Race, or Run for his Diversion, or Ride a Race on any Horse, &c. belonging to any other; recoverable in any Court of Record, by Action of Debt, &c. and to be applied, Half to the Informer, and Half to the County School. 1747; *ch.* 17, §. 2 and 7.

6. The Constables of the several Hundreds in the said Counties, (on their own Knowledge, or Information of others; that great Numbers of Slaves, during such Meetings, are met in a tumultuous Manner, within the said Counties,) shall immediately repair to the Place; with necessary Assistance, and command them immediately to disperse, &c. which, if any of them shall refuse or delay to do, or behave impudently, &c. such Constables shall seize and correct the Offenders by Whipping; not exceeding Thirty-nine Stripes. *Ibid.* §. 8.

7. Persons selling, disposing of, or exposing to Sale; any Strong or Spirituous Liquors, at or near any Public Road, or any Place whatsoever, within Three Miles of the Meeting-Houses in *Talbot* and *Anne-Arundel* Counties, during the Days on which the Yearly Meetings of the Quakers are held, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit 5l. Current Money: One Half to the Informer, the other Half to the County School. 1752; *ch.* 14, §. 2.

8. But this Act shall not preclude any Licenced Ordinary-keeper, Merchant, or other Person residing in the said Counties, from selling such Liquors at their Dwelling-Houses, during such Meetings, so as such Liquors (except what is sold by Licenced Ordinary-keepers) be not drank at the Place where sold. *Ibid.* §. 3.

See *Delegates*, 10, 11, 13. *Dissenters*, 1. *Marriage*, 11.

QUARE CLAUSUM FREGIT. See *Limitation of Actions*, 1.

QUIT-RENTS. See *Guardians*, 18. *Indians Lands*, 1, 2. *Inspectors*, 46.

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