

C H A P. XVII.

A Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the mischiefs arising from the multiplicity of uselefs dogs, and other purposes therein mentioned.

Expired with the principal act.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT empowering the justices of Frederick county, to levy on the taxable inhabitants of said county, a quantity of tobacco, for building a stone wall around the public prison in said county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The quantity of 30,000lb. is to be assessed at November adjourned court. And, in March or June following, the justices are to contract for the building of the said wall, and a house at the gate thereof, to accommodate the gaoler.

C H A P. XIX.

A Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act for amending the staple of tobacco, for preventing frauds in his majesty's customs, and for the limitation of officers fees.

Expired with its principal act.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT for the relief of certain languishing prisoners in the several gaols therein mentioned.

Viz. Jonathan Hollings, William Lancaster, William Cuning, William Gudgeon, Samuel Roberts, William Douglafs, John M'Cay, William Murdo, and Moses Frampton, of Cecil county; Lambert Wilson, Daniel Norris, James Thompson, James Jackson, Thomas Knock, Murten Mellan, Edward M'Cann, and William Lovegrove, of Kent county; James Barron, of Talbot county; Anthony Dunlevy, James Clarkfon, David Clark, Clement Woodward, John Meflick, M'Kiel Howell, Samuel Alcock, and Isaac Cullin, of Dorchester county; William Gullet, Edward Fitzgerald, Eleanor Barklett, Andrew Hemphill, William Miles, and Aaron Speer, of Somerset county; David Murry, Gideon Jones, Charles Collins, John Onions, Joshua Rogers, and Robert Pitts, of Worcester county; Thomas Goldsmith, George Bealle, William Askew, Mary Hicks, Joseph Lowman, George Cowin, and Samuel Creswell, of Baltimore county; Thomas Mobberley, junior, Henry Warman, John Adams, and John Seclew, of Anne-Arundel county; Richard Clark, Richard Scott, Robert Lamar, John Davis, Erasmus Bekias, and Adam Wychall, of Frederick county; Solomon Hardy, and William Denune, of Prince-George's county; John Fulford, Ignatius Green, Thomas Roberts, and James Alexander, of Charles county; John Journey, of Calvert county; and James Smith, of St. Mary's county.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT to aid defective common recoveries.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many valuable lands are held by the present possessors, under common recoveries suffered by tenants in tail, and, in many instances those recoveries, although now grown common conveyances in this province, have been so inartificially and defectively drawn, suffered and executed, that the same are not aided by the beneficial and useful provisions of the late statute, entitled, An act to amend the law concerning common recoveries, and to explain and amend an act made in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of king Charles the second, entitled, An act for prevention of frauds and perjuries, so far as the same relates to estates, *per auter vie*. To remedy therefore such defective recoveries, and secure the titles and quiet the possessions of those who do and may hold under them;

All common recoveries heretofore suffered, to be good in law.

II. *Be it enacted, by the right honourable the lord proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's governor, and the upper and lower houses of assembly, and the authority of the same,* That all common recoveries heretofore suffered in the provincial court of this province, by consent and agreement of the parties thereto, shall be good and available in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, to dock and cut off any estate tail in any of the parties thereto, and bar the issue in tail, who can, could, or might claim, as heir of the body or bodies of any of the parties thereto, and also to bar those in reversion or remainder, who can, could, or might claim in default of issue of the body or bodies of any of the parties to such recoveries, in the same manner as if such recoveries had been legally and formally suffered and executed, notwithstanding the tenant to the writ in any such recovery was not tenant of the freehold at the time of judgment rendered, or any other defect in drawing, suffering or executing, any of the said recoveries: *Provided,*

Proviso.