

county, made and passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on Wednesday the second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, as respects the exportation of flour, be and remain in full force until the first day of August next, and that from and after that day, that part of the said act be and the same is hereby repealed.

C H A P. XII.

XXV. This act to continue and be in force for and during the term of six years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Continuance.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT directing the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace within this state, as often as he shall be informed of any female person having an illegitimate child, to issue his warrant to the constable of the hundred in which such person resides, who is hereby required to carry such person before some justice of the peace of the county, who shall call on her for security to indemnify the county from any charge that may accrue by means of such child, and, upon neglect or refusal, to commit her to the custody of the sheriff of the county, to be by him safely kept until she shall give such security; but in case she shall on oath discover the father, then the said justice is hereby required to discharge her from such warrant, and directed to call such father, if a resident of the county, before him, and shall cause him to give security in the sum of thirty pounds current money, to indemnify the county from all charges that may arise for the maintenance of such child; but in case the father be a resident of any other county within this state, then the justice shall transmit, under his hand and seal, a copy of the proceedings in such case had, and the justice to whom the said proceedings shall be sent, shall forthwith proceed against the father in manner and form as is before directed.

Justices to issue warrants for persons having illegitimate children, &c.

II. **Provided** always, That in case any person charged with being the father of a bastard child should think himself aggrieved by the judgment aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said justice, and he is hereby required, to cause such person to enter into recognizance for his appearance at the next county court; and the justices of the said county court are hereby directed to take cognizance thereof, and such proceedings shall thereupon be had as in other criminal cases; and if the person so charged be found guilty by the verdict of a jury, the court shall immediately order such person to give security to indemnify the county from any charges that may accrue for the maintenance of the said child; and if he shall neglect or refuse to give such security, he shall be committed to the custody of the sheriff until he comply; and any person swearing falsely in the premises shall suffer the same pains and penalties as persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Provide.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to empower William Wilkinon and John Cradock to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land, for the purposes therein mentioned.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to empower Henry Griffith and Charles Greenbury Griffith to sell certain lands for the purposes therein mentioned.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to declare what foreign gold and silver coin shall be deemed the current money of the state.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the foreign gold and silver coin herein after mentioned shall pass current within this state, at the following rates, to wit:

Rates of gold and silver, &c.

Johannes, weighing eighteen pennyweight,	- - -	£. 6 0 0
Half Johannes, weighing nine pennyweight,	- - -	3 0 0
Moidores, weighing six pennyweight eighteen grains,	- - -	2 5 0
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