

Gilpin, of Prince-George's county; John Haley, James Ferrell, Arthur Savoy, Joseph Harrison, jun. C H A P. John Doncastle, William Wright, and Ignatius Green, of Charles county; John Southwell, William XX. Payne, Henry Greenwell, Edward Greenwell, Eleæius Jarboe, Joseph Clark, and John Field, of St. Mary's county; and Thomas Peplo, of Calvert county.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT for the building of a parish church, in Christ-Church parish, in Calvert county.

Any three justices may meet at Prince-Frederick-town, between the 20th of December and the 20th of January next, and assess on the said parish one third part of 160,000lb. of tobacco; the other two thirds shall be assessed in 1770 and 1771, and the whole is to be laid out by the vestrymen and wardens in building a new church, on the ground where the old church stands. The money already in the hands of these persons, and the materials of the old church, are to be applied to the same purpose.

C H A P. XXII.

An additional supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the abuses of concealing convicted felons and other offenders imported into this province, and for the better discovery of them.

**W**HEREAS, notwithstanding the provisions already made, convicted felons are often imported into this province, and pass as persons of character, and many of them are received as witnesses, to the great vexation and prejudice of the inhabitants of this province; for further remedy whereof, Preamble.

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 every master of a ship or other vessel that shall, after the first day of October next, import any felon into this province, who hath been or shall be convicted of any crime, shall bring a full transcript of the record of such conviction, and the proceedings relating thereto, under the seal of the court where such conviction is or shall be had, if there is any seal of such court, and if there is no such seal, then under the hand and seal of the clerk, for the time being, of such court, and such transcript shall deliver to the consignee of such convicted felon, or such other person or persons as shall have the sale of such convicted felon. Every master of a ship, &c. who shall import any felon, shall bring a full transcript of the record of his conviction, &c.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That any consignee or other person having the sale of any convicted felon who shall be imported into this province after the said first day of October next, shall within thirty days after the sale of any such convicted felon, or within the same time after his discharge of any convicted felon, deliver such transcript, as aforesaid, to the clerk of the court of the county wherein the purchaser of such convicted felon shall reside, or in which such convicted felon shall be put on shore, under the penalty of ten pounds current money; and the clerks of the county courts respectively, shall, at the expence of the person delivering such transcript, as soon as may be, carefully enter the transcript in a book to be provided and kept for the purposes, and only the purposes of this act, and shall orderly insert the name of such convicted felon, and the page in which his transcript shall be recorded, in an alphabet towards the end of such book, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every omission, and a copy of the entry of such transcript, under the seal of the court to which such book belongs, shall be good evidence to prove any person therein named as such a convicted felon. Provided and declared nevertheless, That no other mode of evidence which is legal or now used in this province, shall be hereby excluded. And the person having the sale of such felon, shall deliver the transcript to the clerk of the county, under penalty, &c.

IV. *And,* whereas for want of due care and attention of masters, convicted felons who are imported, and held as servants in this province, frequently commit murders, robberies, and other crimes and offences, *Be it therefore enacted,* That every inhabitant within this province, who shall purchase any convicted felon imported after the said first day of October next, shall, within twenty days after such purchase, go before some justice of the peace of the county where such purchaser shall reside, and shall before such justice, who it is hereby declared shall take the same, enter into recognizance to the right honourable the lord proprietary, for the time being, Every inhabitant who shall purchase any felon, shall enter into recognizance, &c.