

C H A P. X.

An ACT to oblige the several county clerks to have with them, on their office days, the four last courts dockets and papers.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by the act to enable the several and respective county clerks within this province, to remove some of the county records and papers from the public offices, a liberty is given to the said clerks, to remove and take out their four last courts dockets and papers, next preceding the time of such taking out, and the same to keep in their own houses for their convenience; under which liberty it is found, that some of the said clerks, who live a considerable distance from their public offices, omit to bring with them the said dockets and papers on office days, by which means many people, who go to the said offices to get bills of cost or issue executions, are disappointed in having their business done;

Clerks, upon every office day, to bring the four last dockets, &c.

II. Be it therefore 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 county clerk in this province shall bring with him, upon every office day on which he is obliged by law to attend at the county court-house of his respective county, the four last courts dockets and papers next preceding every such day of attendance, under the penalty or forfeiture of thirty shillings current money to the party grieved, for every neglect or omission thereof, to be recovered before one justice of the peace, with costs.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT to remedy a defect in the title of Bartholomew Pomeroy, of London, merchant, to a tract or parcel of land called Rencher's Adventure, lying in Prince-George's county. *PR.*

C H A P. XII.

An ACT to unite the free-schools of Somerset and Worcester counties.

Ten visitors are appointed in each county, and the whole are to form one body, which is to be upon the same footing with the visitors of county schools, and any vacancy that may happen is to be filled up with a resident of the respective county. The said visitors, or a major part of them, are empowered to sell, at public vendue, all the lands belonging to each school, and to receive and recover all monies subscribed to each school, and all monies in the hands of the former visitors, and the whole is to be applied to the use of one school, which is to be erected, at their discretion, in the place most convenient for each county.

The public treasurers are directed, henceforth to pay them two equal dividends of all duties and impositions to be collected for the use of county schools, which dividends they shall apply as aforesaid.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT to enable the justices of Dorchester county court, to assess and levy, on the taxable inhabitants of the said county, a quantity of tobacco, for the purpose of building a court-house.

The quantity of 200,000lb. of tobacco is to be assessed at three annual assessments, beginning in November next. It is to be paid to Charles Dickinson, Robert Goldborough, William Ennalls, Robert Harrison, and John Goldborough, jun. or to the major part of them, who are to meet at Cambridge by the 15th of March next, and to contract with undertakers, or with workmen, for the building a new court-house.

So soon as this court-house shall be completed, the clerk is to remove, to a convenient apartment therein to be provided for the purpose, all the books, rolls, papers and records, a list of which, at the direction of the justices, he is to make out, sign, and enter upon record amongst the proceedings of the court.

The justices are then to sell, at public vendue, for ready money, all the materials of the old court-house; and the money arising from the sale, with the surplus of the aforesaid levy, is to be applied to the use of the county.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to repeal part of an act to encourage the destroying of wolves, crows and squirrels.

Part of an act repealed.

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 so much of an act of assembly, made at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, the