

C H A P.
I.
Proviso.

III. **Provided always,** That such action shall be commenced within one year from the time of the said offence being committed, and not afterwards.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the further enlargement of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.

Preamble, reciting a petition from Cornelius Howard.

WHEREAS Cornelius Howard, of Baltimore county, together with sundry the inhabitants of said county, have, by their humble petition to this present general assembly, set forth, that there is on the west and south sides of Baltimore-town, thirty-five acres of land or thereabouts, very commodious to be laid out into lots and joined to Baltimore-town aforesaid; and thereby prayed that it might be enacted,

Thirty-five acres of land to be surveyed, laid out into lots and streets, and to be added to Baltimore-town.

II. **And 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 the commissioners of said Baltimore-town, or the major part of them, do, and they are hereby directed and required, at some time before the twenty-fifth day of March next ensuing, to cause the said thirty-five acres of land to be surveyed and laid out into lots and streets, at the proper costs and expences of the said Cornelius Howard, in such manner as to them shall seem convenient; and that when the same shall be so done, the said thirty-five acres of land shall be, and are hereby declared to be part of Baltimore-town aforesaid, to all intents and purposes, as fully and amply as if included originally therein, and have the same immunities and privileges as the rest of the said town, by any law or laws heretofore made or hereafter to be made, ought to have. And any person or persons who shall build or improve on the said thirty-five acres of land, after the same shall be laid out into lots, as by former laws relating to the said town is directed, and purchase the same from the proprietor or proprietors, shall have such estate as they shall contract for and purchase, in any lot or lots so purchased and built on; but the purchaser or purchasers of any part of the said thirty-five acres of land, are hereby left to agree with the proprietor or proprietors thereof, and not otherwise to have any title to any of the said new lot or lots to be laid out by virtue of this act.

C H A P. III.

A Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act ascertaining what damages shall be allowed upon protested bills of exchange.

Inland bills, &c. of equal nature with foreign, &c.

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 the debt or damage which shall or may become due, or arise upon or from the non-payment of any inland bill of exchange, order or negotiable note, which shall or may be drawn or passed after the first day of January next, shall be deemed and accounted a debt of equal nature with any foreign protested bill of exchange, returned into this province within four years after the date thereof; and in the payment of debts by executors or administrators, shall be discharged in the same rank and degree with such foreign protested bill as aforesaid, timely notice being given thereof.

Continuance.

II. This act to continue for three years, and unto the end of the next session of assembly, which shall happen after the expiration of the said three years.

This act was continued for three years, &c. by the act of 1769, ch. 6; and for seven years, &c. by the act of June 1773, ch. 2; and for seven years by the act of October 1780, ch. 12.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT to enable the justices of St. Mary's county court, to assess and levy on the taxable inhabitants of St. Andrew's parish, a quantity of tobacco for building a church, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The justices are empowered, by three equal assessments, beginning at their next November court, to levy the net quantity of 200,000lb. of tobacco, to be paid to the order of the major part of the rector, vestrymen, and wardens; who are therewith to purchase two acres of land, at any place which they may judge most convenient for the parish, and to erect on the said land a parish church.

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