

C H A P.
XII.

contracted, he, she, or they, so absenting themselves, shall have no benefit by the limitation or restriction in the said act specified, but hath made no provision in the case wherein the person or persons liable to the same, hath or have been, is, are, or may be absent out of the province, at the time when any cause of action may have arisen or accrued, or shall or may arise or accrue against him, her or them, though the said case falling under the same reason, ought to have the same remedy.

Persons absent, &c. to receive no advantage, &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 if any person or persons liable, or that hath or have been, or shall or may be liable to any action, or that hath or have been, or shall or may be absent out of this province, at the time when the cause of action hath arisen or accrued, or shall or may arise or accrue against him, her or them, he, she or they, shall have or receive no benefit or advantage of or from the said recited act.

Proviso.

III. *Provided,* That the person or persons that hath, have, or hath or have had, or that shall or may have such cause of action as aforesaid, shall commence or prosecute the same after the presence in this province of the person or persons liable thereto, within the time or times limited in and by the said recited act.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT to vest the title of and in certain lands in John Hammond, Esq; and for other purposes therein mentioned. *PR.*

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to establish a road from Hunting-creek, in Dorchester, to Dover, in Talbot county.

Upon application made by Henry Troth, or any other person, to the justices of Dorchester county, after a good and sufficient road and causeway, at least twelve feet wide at the top, shall have been completed through the marsh of Choptank, opposite to the main road at Dover, they shall cause a road to be laid out and cleared from the road leading from Hunting-creek to Kingstown, till it join the end of the said causeway, and it shall run thence with the causeway to the river. And to defray the expence they are at, the next November court, after such application, to assess any quantity of tobacco not exceeding 2,500lb.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act for the relief of such persons as cannot find surety for their appearance, to testify as a witness against any person arrested, accused or prosecuted, for any criminal matter.

The act of 1752, ch. 13, is continued for seven years, &c. It was afterwards continued for seven years, &c. by the act of June, 1773, ch. 2. And again continued for seven years by the act of October, 1780, ch. 12.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An 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.

The act of 1748, ch. 7, is continued, &c. as in the note under ch. 15.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual punishment of negroes and other slaves, and for taking away the benefit of clergy from certain offenders; and a supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the tumultuous meeting, and other irregularities of negroes and other slaves, and directing the manner of trying slaves.

The act of 1751, ch. 14, is continued, &c. as in the note under ch. 15.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act laying an imposition on negroes, and several sorts of liquors imported; and also on Irish servants, to prevent the importing too great a number of Irish papists into this province.

The act of 1735, ch. 6, is continued for seven years, &c. It was again continued for twenty-one years by the act of June, 1773, ch. 2. By the act of April, 1783, ch. 23, it is ordained, that slaves brought into this state shall be free; that act, nevertheless, does not repeal the act of 1735, ch. 6.