

C H A P. XI.

An ACT encouraging the Making Hemp and Flax within this Province. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 251.* Passed 19th April 1706.

THE Inhabitants of this Province being, in a great Measure, encouraged by our most gracious Queen's Royal Assent to an Act of Parliament made in the Third and Fourth Years of her said Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An Act for encouraging the Importation of Naval Stores from her Majesty's Plantations in America*, to make Hemp within this Province; and this present General Assembly being willing and desirous that the said Encouragement should not prove ineffectual, but that so good and great an Advantage to this Province should be furthered and promoted; for further Encouragement thereof do pray that it may be Enacted;

II. And be it Enacted, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons, living or inhabiting within this Province, shall hereafter make, by him, her, or themselves, or by his, her, or their Servants or Workmen, upon any the Lands or Plantations within this Province, any Quantity or Quantities of Hemp, or Flax, and cause the same to be Water-rotted, bright and clean, and made merchantable; and that such Person or Persons, making such Hemp or Flax, be indebted to any Person or Persons residing or trading into this Province; in any Sum or Sums of Money, or Tobacco, that then such Person or Persons, to whom the same are, or shall be due, shall be, and are hereby obliged to take and receive of and from such his, her, or their Debtor, or Debtors, tendering * in some Port or Town within this Province, such Hemp or Flax, Water-rotted, bright, clean, and made merchantable, one Fourth Part of such Debt, due from such Debtor or Debtors, that can and will tender and pay the same, after the Rate of Six Pence per Pound for Hemp, and Nine Pence per Pound for Flax, and so proportionably for any greater or lesser Quantity; and according to the same Rate in Tobacco, at One Penny per Pound.

Hemp of the Growth, &c. of this Province made a Staple at 6 d. per lb. and Flax at 9 d. per lb. And a Tender thereof at those Rates for One Fourth of any Debt, to be good in Law.

* By the Act of 1724, ch. 22, a Tender of such Hemp or Flax, at the Dwelling-house of the Creditor, shall be good in Law.

III. And if any Creditor or Creditors shall refuse to accept and take such Quantity of Hemp or Flax at the Rates aforesaid, when to them tendered towards Satisfaction of his Debt; and shall, after such Tender, bring any Action at Law against the Debtor for the same, that then such Debtor pleading a Tender of such Hemp or Flax, and proving the same to Effect, the Plaintiff shall be Non-suit, and shall pay Costs to the Defendant.

Creditors refusing such Tender, and afterwards suing, to be Non-suited.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XII.

An Act to empower Trustees to sell the Free-hold and Demesne Land of Abraham Naylor, late of Ann-Arundel County, deceased, and apply the Money to the Uses mentioned in his Last Will and Testament. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 253. PR.* Passed 19th April 1706.

C H A P. XIII.

An Act empowering a Committee to lay, assess, and apportion, the public Levy of this Province, for this present Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Six. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 255. OBS.* Ditto.

C H A P. XIV.

An Act for Advancement of Trade, and erecting Ports and Towns in the Province of Maryland. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 258. DISSENT.* Ditto.

N. B. This Act, with its Supplementary Act 1707, ch. 16, and its Additional Supplementary Act of 1708, ch. 3, being Disallowed by her Majesty, are no longer in Force; but as they are referred to by the Act of 1715, ch. 32, and all Property obtained under them confirmed by that Act, it is thought expedient to give an Extract of such Parts of these Disallowed Laws as private Property may in any wise depend upon.