

C H A P.
XXXVIII.

The commissioners are to give them receipts, expressing the different sums and kinds of money, and to enter a particular account thereof in their books, and to purchase therewith good bills of exchange drawn or to be endorsed by substantial men residing in the province, at not more than 45 per cent. in gold, or 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ in silver. These bills are to be remitted, together with those already in the office, to the trustees in London, who are directed to apply them in the purchase of bank stock, under the limitations and upon the terms of the act of 1733, ch. 6.

On the last of April next, the office of the commissioners is to cease. At any time before that day, when proof shall be made to their satisfaction, that tobacco has been exported and lost, and that none other has been exported in its room, duty free, they are to refund the 15d duty, either in bills or cash, if they shall have any bills or cash on hand, if not, they are to draw on the treasurers for current money at 33 $\frac{1}{2}$.

William Murdock, Edward Tilghman, and Thomas Ringgold, are directed to pay the commissioners a certain balance appearing, by their own account, to remain in their hands, to be applied in the purchase of bills as aforesaid.

The lord proprietary is invested with the same authority over the trustees in London, as he had by virtue of the act of 1733, ch. 16.

C H A P. XXXIX.

An ACT to enable the commissioners or trustees of the loan-office, to purchase stationary ware necessary for the use of the upper and lower houses of assembly.

Viz. to the amount of £.25 sterl. deducting the commission and charges of importation from London. It is to consist of a record book, and such parchment, paper, ink-powder and quills, as the commissioners shall think proper.

At a **SESSION** of **ASSEMBLY**, begun and held at the city of **ANNAPOLIS**, on Friday the ninth day of May, in the 16th year of the dominion of the Right Honourable **FREDERICK**, absolute lord and proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon, lord baron of Baltimore, &c. and ended the 27th day of May, *anno domini* 1766: The following laws were enacted.

HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act to prevent disabled and superannuated slaves being set free, or the manumission of slaves by any last will or testament.

The act of 1752, ch. 1, is continued for 20 years, &c.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to vest the title of and in a certain lot or parcel of land in John Jeremiah Myer. *PR.*

C H A P. III.

An ACT for the relief of certain languishing prisoners, in the several gaols therein mentioned.

Viz. Jonathan Hudson, John Mears, Philip Rain, Littleton Brumbly, William Truitt, Thomas Pearson, Savory Wing, Elias Townsend, Robert Nelson, Levin Laramore, Charles Moore, Edward Wooden, languishing prisoners in Worcester county gaol; Stephen Tare, John Vain, Ignatius Spalding, languishing prisoners in Charles county gaol; George Matthews, James Ager, languishing prisoners in Baltimore county gaol; Michael M'Dorman, Edward Bennet, John Knowles, Joseph Holder, Peter Magee, Naomie Kelfick, Priscilla Barkley, languishing prisoners in Somerset county gaol; Locyer Long, and John Deale, languishing prisoners in Prince-George's county gaol; Richard Freeman, William Morgan, Thomas Hicks Newton, languishing prisoners in Calvert county gaol; Nathan Joyce, and Shepherd Grimes, languishing prisoners in Anne-Arundel county gaol; John Berry, languishing prisoner in Frederick county gaol.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT directing a copy of the last will and testament of brigadier-general Bouquet, to be recorded in the prerogative-office of this province, and for other purposes therein mentioned. *PR.*

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