

C H A P.
XXII.Money re-
ceived how
to be applied.

part of them, without any assignment thereof, and so much only of such penalty shall and may be recovered thereupon, as such ground not covered and made into dry ground as aforesaid, shall amount to, at the said rate of twenty pounds sterling per acre; and the said money, so recovered, shall be paid to, and received and applied by the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, to and for the use of the said town, for, and in building convenient wharfs, or to the removing the said nuisance, if there should be no purchasers, or to the removing the said nuisance as to any part of the said marsh purchased, when the terms of such purchase shall not be complied with, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Purchasers,
complying
with the
terms, to
have a good
estate therein.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That any person or persons that shall build or improve on any of the said lots to be laid out in virtue of this act, as by former laws relating to the said town is directed, and purchase the same from the said proprietor or proprietors thereof, by consent and agreement between the purchaser and such proprietor, or in the manner before mentioned, of, and from the said commissioners, such lot or lots, being wharfed in, secured, covered, and made into dry ground as aforesaid, shall have an absolute estate of inheritance, in and to such lot or lots.

In case of
bad titles.

XV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if the persons herein before mentioned to be the proprietors of the said marshy ground, or any, or either of them, should not be the true and real proprietors, and have fee-simple titles in the said marshy ground respectively as aforesaid, that then, in lieu and stead of any recovery of the said marshy ground, or any part thereof, so covered and made into dry and firm ground, and built and improved on as aforesaid, the person or persons who have title thereto, or their heirs, shall and may maintain an action of debt, or on the case, against the said person or persons who shall have received any of the purchase money aforesaid, not having title as aforesaid, the heirs, devisees, executors, or administrators, having assets, and thereby recover the full and real value of the ground in its present situation, so to be covered and made into dry and firm ground, and built and improved on as aforesaid, with the costs of such suit.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT concerning the name of John Beale Bordley. PR.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT for amending and repairing the public roads in Baltimore county.

This act was to continue until the last day of October, 1770; at that time it expired, but it was revived by the act of 1771, ch. 14, for one year. It was afterwards continued for two years, &c. by the act of June, 1773, ch. 3, and for three years, &c. by the act of February, 1777, ch. 17, and for one year, &c. by the act of March, 1780, ch. 21; at length it expired with May session, 1781.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT to oblige infected ships, and other vessels, coming into this province, to perform quarantine.

Preamble.

WHEREAS great mischiefs have arisen from the landing of goods and passengers from ships and other vessels coming into this province with servants and German passengers, by communicating to, and spreading amongst the inhabitants, dangerous infectious distempers, begun at first by numbers of people being closely confined together for long times in a small space:

Masters of
vessels to be
sworn, that
they have no
infectious
distemper on
board.

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 no ship or vessel whatsoever, coming into this province after the first day of May next, and in which ship or vessel there shall be imported more than thirty servants or passengers, shall be admitted to make her entry, or land or put on shore any goods, passenger, or servant, before the master, together with two other credible persons, shall make oath before the collector, or naval officer, with whom such ship or vessel shall first enter, "That neither the small-pox, jail-fever, yellow-fever, flux, or any such dangerous infectious distemper, is, or hath been on board such ship or vessel, on her passage, to the knowledge or belief of such captain, or other persons taking such oath
" respectively."

The oath.