

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Wednesday the second day of October, in the 21st 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 30th day of November, *anno domini* 1771: The following laws were enacted.

ROBERT EDEN, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for vesting in such foreign protestants as are now naturalized, or shall be hereafter naturalized in this province, all the rights and privileges of natural born subjects.

WHEREAS many foreign protestants have already settled in this province, and others, from the lenity of our government, the purity of our religion, and the benefit of our laws, may be hereafter induced to settle therein, if they were made partakers of the advantages and privileges which natural born subjects enjoy ; Preamble.

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 all such foreign protestants who have been already naturalized in this province, pursuant to the directions of the statute made in the thirteenth year of the reign of his late majesty king George the second, entitled, An act for naturalizing such foreign protestants, and others therein mentioned, as are settled or shall settle in any of his majesty's colonies in America, and all foreign protestants who shall be hereafter naturalized in this province, pursuant to the directions of the said statute, shall be deemed, adjudged and taken, to be natural born subjects, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if they, and every of them, had been born within the kingdoms of Great-Britain or Ireland, or within any other of his majesty's dominions, any law to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. Foreign protestants naturalized, shall be deemed natural born subjects.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the adjournment and continuance of the high court of appeals. *Viz.* until the third Friday in November next.

C H A P. III.

An ACT empowering the justices of Prince-George's and Frederick counties, to levy on the taxable persons of Prince-George's parish in said counties, the sum of ninety-six thousand pounds of tobacco, for building a new parish church, at or near the place where the old one now stands.

The quantity of 96,000lb. of tobacco, on application of the vestrymen and wardens, is to be assessed, and the quantity to be contributed in each part of the parish is to be proportioned to its number of inhabitants.

C H A P. IV.

A Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, An act for the building a parish church in Queen-Anne parish, in Prince-George's county.

No assessment having been made in 1770, for want of timely notice of the act of September, 1770, ch. 16, the county court is directed to assess in November, 1773, so much of the 150,000lb. of tobacco as was directed to be levied in 1770.

C H A P. V.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act to establish a market at the market-house in Chester-town, in Kent county, and for the regulation of the said market.