

the provincial court, at the suit or on behalf of the plaintiff or plaintiffs, in order for trial, and therein the sum recovered or assessed shall not exceed twenty pounds sterling, or twenty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence current money, or five thousand pounds of tobacco, in every such case also, no costs shall be adjudged or awarded to the party, plaintiff or plaintiffs, any law, statute, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XI.

C H A P. XII

An ACT confirming to Samuel Cookson of Baltimore county, fundry lands therein mentioned. *PR.*

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT to prohibit raising swine and geese in George-town, in Frederick county.

No person shall keep any swine or geese therein, unless in enclosures; and it shall be lawful to destroy them if going at large. And any person sued for so destroying them, may give this act and the special matter in evidence upon the general issue.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT reviving and continuing an act, entitled, An act for amending and repairing the public roads in Baltimore county.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to prevent the exportation of flour not merchantable from George-town, in Frederick county.

WHEREAS it is represented, that discoveries have been made of certain deceits practised by the manufacturers of flour, to the great prejudice of the buyers thereof, and injurious to the community: For the encouragement and advancement of that branch of trade at the said town,

Preamble.

II. *Be it 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 the commissioners of George-town, or the major part of them, for the time being, shall assemble and meet between the first and twentieth of December next, and between the said first and twentieth day of December yearly, and every year, during the continuance of this act, and then nominate and appoint a person of good repute, and skill in the goodness and quality of flour, to be inspector of flour within the said town, for the year ensuing.

Commissioners to appoint an inspector.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That every commissioner of the said town, who shall vote for the said officer, shall take the following oath before he shall vote for the nomination and appointment of the officer aforementioned, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, that I will faithfully appoint such person to be inspector of flour within the town of George-town, as I think, in my judgment and conscience, is fit and capable to execute the said office."

The oath.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That in case of the death of the said officer so nominated and appointed, or the refusal or inability of him to act, the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, meet together, and nominate and appoint one other such person as aforesaid, in the stead and place of any person so dying, refusing, or becoming incapable to act, for the residue of the year then to come; and if the said commissioners shall neglect and omit to nominate and appoint the said officer, then, and in such case, the governor or commander in chief of this province for the time being, may, by warrant under his hand, constitute and appoint another officer, who shall have the like power and authority as if he had been, by the said commissioners, regularly nominated and appointed.

In case of death, another to be appointed.

V. *And be it further enacted,* That all wheat flour, bolted and brought to the said town for exportation, from and after the first day of January next, shall, by the bolters thereof, be made merchantable, and of due fineness, without any mixture of coarser or other flour, and well packed in good strong well seasoned casks, with the tare thereof marked thereon.

Flour to be made merchantable, &c.

VI. *And*