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gulating the guaging of Casks in the Town of *Baltimore*," made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the twenty-third Day of *March*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, be, and is hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full Force for and during the Term of seven Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said seven Years. That another Act of Assembly, entitled, "An Act to prevent the erecting of Booths and Sale of Liquors on holy Days," made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the twenty-third Day of *March*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, be, and is hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full Force for and during the Term of seven Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said seven Years. That another Act of Assembly, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors," made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the twenty-third Day of *March*, seventeen hundred and seventy-four, be, and is hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full Force for and during the Term of three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said three Years.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT concerning Duties.

No Duties to be taken for two Years, &c.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no Duties imposed by Act of Assembly on any Article or Thing imported into or exported out of this State (except Duties imposed on the Importation of Negroes), shall be taken or received within two Years from the End of the present Session of the General Assembly.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT for holding an Election for Sheriffs in *Somerset* County, and to enable the Governor and Council to determine the Validity of Elections for Sheriffs.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the late Election of Sheriffs for *Somerset* County was unfairly and unduly made, by Reason of a Number of armed Men attending and influencing the same, contrary to the Constitution of this State and the Policy of all good Government :

Election for Sheriff to be held on May 11.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on the eleventh Day of *May* next an Election shall be held for a Sheriff for *Somerset* County, agreeable to the Directions of the Form of Government; and that *Levin Gale*, *Thomas Hayward*, and *Thomas Bruff*, Esquires, or any two of them, shall hold the said Election, and be Judges of the Qualifications of the Voters, and shall make Return thereof to the Governor and the Council.

III. Whereas it is uncertain by our Constitution what Body has the Power of determining the Validity of the Elections for Sheriffs,

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