lowing that there was no such act in 1636:
1. There is no record of it. Only two acts of the 1635/6-1636/7 sessions of the Virginia Assembly have been preserved, and the titles to ten others are known [see the preface to the Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia 1619-1658/59 (Richmond, 1915), page xxxvi], and none of them refers to physicians, surgeons or apothecaries.
2. Wickes cites as his authority the "Half Yearly Compendium of Medical Science," Jan. 1878 (which see, page 66). This, however, gives the date correctly as 1736.
4. The Act was first published as Chapter X of the Acts of 1736 in, Anno Regni Georgii II, Regis ... Decimo. At a General Assembly ... continued ... to the fifth day of August ... 1736 (Williamsburg, 1736), pages 26-27.
5. Although the General Court of Connecticut (i.e., the legislature) licensed physicians in the seventeenth century, there seems to have been no legislation covering the matter. Reputation apparently was the major criterion in granting the license.
9. The Act was first published in Acts Passed by the General Assembly of South Carolina ... continued ... to the 24th Day of April, 1751 (Charleston, 1751), pages 31-38.
10. The term "benefit of clergy" is the Anglicization of the legal term Privilegium Clericale and should not be given its modern literal interpretation.

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