

In the morning one part, and in the afternoone the residue of the Lawes as they were faire ingrossed were read in the house; and after the reading of them; the Governor signed them, & so did the rest of the house: And so the house dissolved.

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Saint Maries—In the house of Generall Assembly on the 24th March anno Domini 1637. was read the fourth time, a Bill of the Tenor and effect following viz:

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An Act for the attainder of William Cleyborne gent. Whereas William Cleyborne gent is notoriously knowen to have committed sundry contempts, insolencies and seditious acts against the dignity, government and domination of the Lord Proprietarie of this Province, and to have conspired and contrived sondry mischeivous machinations and practises with the Indians, of these parts to the subversion and destruction of this colony and the people thereof; and to have used and exequed sondry Magistraticall and regall powers and jurisdictions, within this province and upon the Inhabitants of the same, by levyng of souldiers, appointing Leutenants and other Officers, imprisoning and otherwise punishing of Offenders, and by granting letters of reprisalls and Commissions for the execution of justice upon the vessells and goods of the Leutenant generall of this Province, and of the people inhabiting this Colony of S^t Maries, without any authority or Commission for exercising the same from our Sovereigne Lord the King, or from the Lord Proprietary of this Province, or from any other Prince or State whatsoever. And whereas by an Act of Generall Assemblie held at S^t Maries on the six and twentieth day of Febr^y 1634 among other wholesome lawes and ordinances then made and provided for the welfare of this Province, it was enacted, that the Offenders in all murthers and felonies should suffer such paines, losses and forfeitures as they should or ought to have suffered in the like crimes in England. Since the making of which Act, that is to say on the three and twentieth day of Aprill 1635, the said William Cleyborne hath not onely continued his said insolencies, mutinies and contempts against the Lord Proprietary and the government of this place but hath instigated and commanded sondry persons to committ the greivous crimes of pyracie and murther by a grand Enquest of four and twenty freemen of this Province: and since and after the committing of the same pyracie and murther hath fledd and withdrawen himselfe out of the Province, whereby he cannot be attainted of the said crimes by any ordinary course of justice Wee the freemen assembled in this present Generall Assembly considering the premises and the necessity of exemplary justice to be inflicted on such