

may be the better enabled to proceed thereon, it is prayed that it may be Enacted;

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And 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 Honourable Benjamin Tasker, junr. Richard Lee, Benedict Calvert, Daniel Dulany, and Stephen Bordley, Esquires, and Colonel Edward Tilghman, John Hammond, Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll, and William Murdock, Esquires, or a Majority of them, shall be and are hereby appointed a Committee to inspect, examine into, and consider of the said Collection, and they are hereby required to compare the same with the original Laws, as they shall find them recorded in the Secretary's Office, or in any other Office or Place in this Province where Records are kept, for which Purpose they shall and may, from Time to Time, as they shall see convenient, have Recourse to the said Offices and Places, and free Access to the Records thereof, and shall also carefully examine and enquire, whether any Laws in Force or Use are omitted to be inserted in the said Collection, or any contained therein which are not in Force or Use; and having finished their Examination and Enquiry into the said Collection as aforesaid, shall lay the same, together with their Remarks and Opinion thereon, before the next General Assembly which shall thereafter happen, on or before the third Day of the Session; and in Case the said General Assembly shall approve thereof, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Thomas Bacon to proceed to the Printing and Publishing the same.

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby Enacted and Declared, That all the Laws heretofore made, and more especially such, the Force or Existence whereof have been any ways questioned or disputed, shall remain, continue, and be in the same State and Condition, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said Collection and Publication had never been made; and that no Law whatever, or any Part thereof, shall be repealed, abrogated, or made null or void, or receive any additional Force or Strength thereby.

And for Encouragement of the said Thomas Bacon, and the better to enable him to Print and Publish so useful a Work, Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That there shall be allowed to the said Thomas Bacon, in the present public Journal of this Province, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds Current Money for Eighteen Copies of the said Collection, cast off upon good Paper, in large Folios, and with a fair Type, and Delivering the same, well Bound in Calf-skin and Lettered, to the Persons hereafter named; that is to say, one Copy thereof to his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, one to each Clerk of the