

An Act for the Publication of all the Laws within this Province, and for the Recording the same in the Secretary's Office; as also Transmitting the Journals of the Council in Assembly, and of the House of Delegates, into the said Office, to the End that no Person may be ignorant of the Laws in this Province. No 58.

BE it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province; and the Authority of the same, That from henceforward all the Acts, that shall pass from this and all the succeeding Assemblies, shall be, from time to time, fairly transcribed on Parchment, or, for Want thereof, on good Paper, with a Parchment Cover; and by Writ under the Great Seal of this Province, from time to time, by the Keeper of the Seal for the time being, to the Sheriff of each respective County, shall be transmitted; and Commandment to them in the said Writ shall be given, the said Acts in their several and respective Counties, at their next County Court to publish and proclaim, firmly to be observed and kept, and lodged with the Clerk of each respective Court for the Use thereof.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every several and respective County shall, from time to time, pay to the Chancellor for the time being, for such Transcript of the Laws, so much Tobacco as, by the said General Assembly in which the said Laws are made, shall be assessed and allowed.

PROVIDED always, That because there is not Parchment now to be had in the Province for Transcribing the Laws of this present Session, to be sent to the Counties, That for this Session only good Paper shall be accepted to transcribe the several Laws therein.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that all the Acts of Assembly, which shall be Enacted this present Session and all the succeeding Sessions of Assembly, shall, within Ten Days after the End of each Session, be transmitted into the Secretary's Office; and the Secretary for the time being, shall, upon Receipt of the said Acts into his Office, cause the said Acts to be entred upon Record in a very fair Hand, and in a good substantial Book, with Leather or Parchment Cover, with large Margin, and also alphabet the said Book in good Order, and affix the Seal of his Office thereto: And the Clerk or Clerks, that do record the said Acts, shall make Oath before the Governor of this Province for the time being, or before One of His Majesty's Council, or Two of the Justices of the Provincial Court, that he or they have carefully examined the Record of the said Acts by the Original Acts, which have passed the Great Seal: All which shall be done within Six Months successively after the End of each Session. And in case the Secretary shall not pursue the Directions of this Act, but shall make Default, he shall forfeit the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every such Neglect; the One Half thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Clerk of the Council in Assembly for the time being, and the Clerk of the House of Delegates for the time being, shall transcribe the respective Journals of the Council in Assembly, and of the said House, into Two several fair Books, and in a good fair legible