

Liber C. B. our pretended Lieutenant or Governor of the said Province  
 p. 210 although the said Captain Hill had never any never any Lawful  
 Authority to Act any thing there as our Lieutenant or chief  
 Governor of that Province nor for acting any thing else Con-  
 cerning that Government in regard Our dear Brother Leonard  
 Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> (lately deceased) by whom the said Captain Hill  
 pretended to be constituted Our Lieu<sup>t</sup> there had no Authority  
 from us to appoint or Constitute any in that place under us  
 there but only in Case of his Death or of his Absence from  
 thence and during such absence only or until we or our heirs  
 should signify our or their Pleasure to the Contrary and was  
 also limited by our Commission to him not to appoint or Con-  
 stitute any Person in either of the aforesaid Cases of Death or  
 absence to be our Lieutenant or Governor there unless such  
 Person were of our Privy Council there and residing within  
 our said Province at the time of such Appointment or Con-  
 stitution which made the said Captain Hill incapable of that  
 Place he being not then nor ever of our said Council and  
 whereas we are inform'd that some of those Laws so enacted  
 as af<sup>t</sup> are very prejudicial to our rights and Royal Jurisdictions  
 in the said Province and others of them inconvenient for our  
 People there we do therefore for the Reasons aforesaid hereby  
 protest against all the said Captain Edward Hills Proceedings  
 in the quality of our Lieutenant there as unlawful and do here-  
 by declare our disassent to all Laws Orders and Ordinances  
 whatsoever made or enacted by him or in our name as our  
 Lieutenant there in any General Assembly or otherwise and  
 whereas we are inform'd that there have been at Several times  
 divers other Laws enacted in our said Province both before  
 and after Captain Hills Assumption and desertion of that pre-  
 tended place of our Lieutenant there by several others of our  
 lawful Lieu<sup>ts</sup> of the said Province for the time being in our  
 p. 211 name to and with the Consent and approbation of the Freemen  
 of our said Province or their Deputies or the Major part of them  
 which have been since found as we are inform'd too Burthensom  
 and inconvenient for the People there we therefore tendring  
 there Good more then our own have seriously Considered of  
 Certain Acts or Laws hereunto annex'd being sixteen in Number  
 and written in three Sheets of Parchment each Sheet being  
 signed by us and all three Jointly together with these Presents  
 having the Impression of our Greater Seal at Arms affixed  
 unto them which said Acts or Laws were Proposed unto us for  
 the Good and quiet Settlement of our Colony and People in  
 our said Province and we finding them very fit to be enacted  
 as Laws there do hereby Consent that our said Lieutenant  
 William Stone shall propose the said Acts or Laws hereunto  
 annexed as aforesaid to a General Assembly or Assemblies of