

Liber W. H. & L. the Lord Proprietary his Lordships assent and Confirmacōn vnder his hand for the Confirmacōn of all such lawes temporary and perpetuall as were att the end of the s^d sessions then in force and to the intent that all majestrates might the better know how to doe Justice according to those lawes and that all persons in this Province might in their severall Countyes haue recourse to the said Lawes & Regulate themselves accordingly did Enact that every County Clarke should ex officio transcribe & fairely write out in a booke for that purpose to be kept all the Lawes that att the end of the said sessions were in force to the intent that a faire and true Record of the Lawes might be kept in every County Neverthelesse the Delegates of the Lower house of Assembly vpon view and pervseall of the body of Lawes of this Province kept in the secretaries office finding the booke in which they are entred to be by the often vseing all most worne out and vnbound the leafes loose and may be scattered and lost and the old lawes as well temporall as perpetuall Repealed and not Repealed Continued and discontinued confusedly mixt together and ill and vnclarke like written in soe many severall hands and noe Sufficient attestacōns to the same from the Lord Proprietary or his Leiftenant Generall Cheife Governour Chancellour Secretary or other person to testifie the said booke to be an Authentick Coppy of the severall Lawes confirmed by his Lordship the Lord Proprietary and the severall Originall Lawes into the said booke Entered and from time to time to the end of every Assembly Signed allowed and Confirmed by his Lordships father of happy memory or his Lordship his or their Leivtenant or Cheife Governour soe negligently and carelesly kept in loose papers Ragged and torne and Scarce legible to Justifie the Lawes in the said booke entred as aforesaid to the great dishonour of his Lordship and the Province that the said Lawes which are the Warrant of all Judiciall proceedings in civill and Criminall matters and other matters and Concernes of the Province and the Originall from which the Lawes in the County Courts are transcribed should be soe carelesly and vndecently kept for Remedy whereof and to the intent that our Records may appeare plaine safe and secured to posterity the Delegates of this present Generall Assembly doe pray that itt may be enacted And be itt Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that the secretary of this Province (in whose custody the Records of this Province Remaine and to whom the benefitt of the Coppies of such Records doe accrue) doe att or before the five and twentieth day of may next ensuing cause all such Acts of Assembly and Lawes of this