

the Hundred. (14.) The Lieut. General and Secretary (or his Deputy) and Gentlemen C H A P. summoned by special Writ, and one or two Burgessees out of every Hundred (at the choice of the II. Freemen) at any Time hereafter assembled, shall be judged a General Assembly. (15.) All Commissions from or under the Lord Proprietary, which shall be in Force at his Death, shall remain in the same Force until a new Commission for the Government published under the Great Seal. (16.) Any Bargain which the Lieut. General and Council shall make with any Undertaker, for the setting up of a Water-Mill for the use of this Colony, shall be levied upon all Inhabitants of the Colony, in such Manner as the Lieut. General and Council shall appoint; so it exceed not 10,000 ^{lb} of Tobacco in a Year, for two Years only.

This Act was to endure till the End of the next General Assembly; or (if such General Assembly be not sooner called) for Three Years only.

By 1641, *ch.* 4, so much of this Law as concerns the Rights of the Lord Proprietary, and Peoples Liberties, the Power of Judicature in civil and criminal Causes, the Captain of the military Band, Officers Fees, the settling the House of Assembly, the Payment of Debts among all Creditors by equal Partitions, &c. and the Custom of Tobacco, was revived and continued until the end of the next Assembly, to begin on the 12th of *November* ensuing, unless some Assembly should be called sooner. So that it totally expired the 2d *August* 1642.

The following Thirty-six Bills were twice Read in this Assembly, and Ingrossed, but never Read the third Time, nor Passed the House. They are Recorded C. O. from fol. 53, to fol. 128, inclusive, as also in Lib. C and WH.

1. An Act for Church Liberties. *Lib. C and WH. fol. 1.*

N. B. This Bill was intended to continue in Force till the End of the next General Assembly, and then, with Consent of the Lord Proprietary, to be perpetual.

2. An Act for Swearing Allegiance. *Ibid.*

3. An Act for the Liberties of the People. *Ibid. fol. 2.*

N. B. They are thus enumerated in the Bill, *viz.* all Christian Inhabitants (Slaves excepted) to have and enjoy all such Rights, Liberties, Immunities, Privileges and Free Customs, within this Province, as any natural Born Subject of *England* hath, or ought to have or enjoy, in the Realm of *England* by force or virtue of the Common Law, or Statute Law of *England*, saving in such Cases as the same are or may be altered or changed by the Laws and Ordinances of this Province; and shall not be imprisoned or disseized or dispossessed of their Freehold, Goods or Chattels, or be outlawed, exiled, or otherwise destroyed, fore-judged, or punished, than according to the Laws of this Province: Saving to the Lord Proprietary and his Heirs, all his Rights and Prerogatives by reason of his Domination and Seigniorie over this Province, and the People of the same.

4. An Act for maintaining the Lord Proprietary's Title to the Lands of this Province. *Ibid. fol. 3.*

5. An Act for Trade with the *Indians*. *Ibid.*

6. An Act for the severall Oaths to be taken by Judges and Public Officers. *Ibid. fol. 6.*

N. B. The Oath of a Judge proposed by this Bill, is in the following Words, *viz.* " I *A. B.* do Swear, that (whilst I am a Member of this Province) I will bear true Faith to the Right Honorable *CÆCILIUS* Lord of this Province, and his Heirs (saving my Allegiance to the Crown of *England*) and his and their due Rights and Jurisdictions, and every of them, will defend and maintain to my Power. To none will I delay or deny Right. Reward of none will I take for doing of Justice: But equal Justice will administer in all Things to my best Skill (without Fear, Favour or Malice of any Person) according to the Laws of this Province. So help me GOD."

7. An Act for erecting a Court of Admiralty. *Ibid. fol. 9.*

8. An Act for the erecting of a County Court. *Ibid. fol. 11.*

9. An Act for the erecting of a Court of Chancery. *Ibid. fol. 14.*

10. An Act for the erecting of a Prætorial. *Ibid. fol. 15.*

11. An Act for the Authority of Justices of the Peace. *Ibid. fol. 18.*

12. An Act for the appointment of certain * Officers. *Ibid. fol. 21.*

* *Viz.* a Tything-man in each Manor, a Constable in each Hundred, a Sheriff and Coroner in the County, and a public Executioner for inflicting all corporal Correction and Punishment.

13. An Act for the Government of the *Isle of Kent*. *Ibid. fol. 22.*

14. An Act for Fees. *Ibid. fol. 26.*

N. B. The Fees in this Bill were established by a Law passed this Session. See above, *ch.* 2. §. 9.

15. An Act for the common defraying of certain public Charges. *Ibid. fol. 28.*

N. B. By this Bill the Charges of all Expeditions against *Indians* and other Enemies or Rebels (thought necessary by the Lieut. General and Council) were to be levied upon all the Inhabitants of the Province rateably to their Personal Estates, in such Manner, and after such Proportions, as the General Assembly, or Lieut. General and Council, should Rate and Tax the same.

16. An Act for the descending of Land. *Ibid. fol. 29.*

17. An Act for assuring of Titles to Land. *Ibid. fol. 32.*