

At a Session of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, begun and held at *St. John's*, on the 12th, and ended the 23d Day of *October* 1640, were Enacted the following Laws; which were all Published, under the Great Seal, the 30th Day of the same Month.

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## C H A P. I.

*An Act for Church Liberties.* Lib. C and WH. fol. 67, and 106. Lib. WH. fol. 111, and Lib. WH and L. fol. 1. Passed 23d of October 1640.

Confirmed as a perpetual Law by 1676, *ch. 2*, and enacts, that "Holy Church within this Province, shall have and enjoy all her Rights, Liberties and Franchises, wholly and without Blemish."

## C H A P. II.

An ACT for uncertain Goods. Lib. C and WH. fol. 68, and 111. Ditto. Lib. WH. fol. 108. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 4.

Confirmed as a perpetual Law, by 1676, *ch. 2*.

**A**LL uncertain Goods, to which no Party justly claimeth Right, shall be to the Lord Proprietary, or his Assigns; and shall be sold at an Out-cry. Uncertain Goods belong to his Lordship,

II. But any Party having Right to the Goods, or to the Disposure of them, claiming within Three Years, shall be restored to his Right. And the Finder of such Goods shall have the one Half for his Pains and Charges. unless claimed within 3 Years, &c.

*Examined and Compared with the Record,* REVERDY GHISELIN,  
THOMAS BACON.

## C H A P. III.

*An Act providing against sudden Accidents in the Government.* Lib. C and WH. fol. 68, and 111. Lib. WH. fol. 111, and Lib. WH and L. fol. 4. Passed 23d of October 1640.

Confirmed as a perpetual Law, by 1676, *ch. 2*, and enacted, that 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. And in case the Lieut. General shall Decease or be Absent out of the Province without nominating or substituting another in his Room, the first Councillor of State residing at *St. Mary's*, shall exercise the Office of Lieut. General in all Points belonging to it, until his return into the Province, or that another be appointed by the Lord Proprietary.

## C H A P. IV.

*An Act for Fencing of Ground.* Lib. C and WH. fol. 68, and 111. EXP. Ditto. To endure for 2 Years after the End of this Assembly.

## C H A P. V.

*An Act prohibiting the Exportation of Corn.* Lib. C and WH. fol. 68. EXP. Ditto. To endure for 2 Years from the End of this Assembly.

## C H A P. VI.

*An Act for the Planting of Corn.* Lib. C and WH. fol. 69. EXP. Ditto. To endure 2 Years after the End of this Assembly.

## C H A P. VII.

*An Act touching Marriages.* Lib. C and WH. fol. 69. EXP. Ditto. To endure 2 Years, &c.

## C H A P. VIII.

*An Act touching Servants Cloathes.* Lib. C and WH. REP. by 1676, *ch. 2*. Ditto.

## C H A P. IX.

*An Act for rating Artificers Wages.* Lib. C and WH. fol. 70. EXP. Ditto. To endure 2 Years, &c.

## C H A P. X.

*An Act touching Tobaccos.* Lib. C and WH. fol. 70. EXP. Ditto. To endure 2 Years, &c.

N. B. By this ancient Inspection Law, made within Eight Years from the first Settlement of the Colony (so early a Regulation of the Staple being found necessary) it was Enacted, (1.) No Tobacco