

C H A P. VII. [**]

An Act touching Hogs and marking of Cattle. REP. 1678, ch. 16.

Confirmed among the perpetual Laws, 1676, ch. 2. An explanatory Act 1662, ch. 7. And an additional Act 1662, ch. 22.

Passed 21st of April 1649.

C H A P. VIII. [**]

An Act for Planting of Corn. Lib. C and WH. fol. 120. Lib. WH. fol. 62. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 9.

Ditto.

Confirmed among the perpetual Laws, 1676, ch. 2.

N. B. By this Act every taxable Person planting Tobacco, was obliged to plant and tend two Acres of Corn, on forfeiture of 50lb Tobacco for every half Acre he should fall short of that proportion, besides 50lb of Tobacco per Acre to be paid to the Constable and his Assistant.

C H A P. IX. [**]

An Act for the Support of the Lord Proprietary. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

N. B. This Act (that his Lordship might better perceive the good Will of the Freemen, in complying with his Lordship so far as their poor distracted Condition could well bear, and to the End that he might be the better encouraged and enabled to protect them in their Lives, Liberties and Estates) gave a Custom to his Lordship of 10s. per Hundred on all Tobaccos shipped upon any Dutch Vessel, and bound for any other Port than his Majesty's, for 7 Years, on forfeiture of all Tobaccos chargeable with Custom transported, or attempted to be transported, afore Discharge had under the Hand of the Governor: One half to be yearly employed towards satisfaction of all Arrears and Claims touching the late Recovery and Defence of the Province, which should be brought into the Secretary's Office and made appear to be due, before the last Day of March ensuing, &c. And an Assessment also to be raised on all the Inhabitants for his Lordship's use, for replacing his Lordship's former Stock of Cattle distributed and disposed towards the Defence and Preservation of the Province, &c.

C H A P. X.

An Order touching the Lord Proprietor's Stock of Cattle, and other Estate, within this Province.

Ditto.

C H A P. XI.

An Order of Assembly for the Defence of the Province, as the present Times will permit.

Ditto.

C H A P. XII.

An Order providing for the Smith.

Ditto.

N. B. All the ACTS of this Session marked thus [**] were confirmed by the Lord Proprietary, by an Instrument under his Hand and Seal, dated the 6th August 1650. And are Recorded in the Land-Office, Lib. N^o 2, from fol. 490, to fol. 505, and in the Council Book, fol. 354, to 372.

It appears, from the enacting Stile of these Laws, viz. *By the Lord Proprietary, with the Assent and Approbation of the Upper and Lower Houses, &c.* that the Assembly was then actually divided into Two distinct and separate Houses. But how the same was effected does not appear, there being no Record extant of any Proceedings of this Assembly, except those of their last Day of sitting to receive the Report of the Committee for settling the public Charge, and of a Letter from the Assembly to his Lordship. That it was at the Desire of the Freemen is probable, from their former Application to that Purpose, on the 18th July 1642, in the following Words, viz.

“ ROBERT VAUGHAN, in the Name of the Rest, desired that the House might be separated, and the Burgesses to be by themselves, and to have a Negative. But was not Granted by the Lieutenant-General.”

Acts and Orders, enacted, made and ordered, by WILLIAM STONE, Esq; Governor, with the Consent of the Upper and Lower Houses of ASSEMBLY, at a General Session thereof, begun the 6th and ended the 29th Day of April 1650.

N. B. To this Assembly, Burgesses were sent as Delegates or Representatives of the Freemen of the several Hundreds, there being then only Two Counties, viz. *St. Mary's*, and the *Isle of Kent* County; that Part of the Province, then called *Providence*, being erected into a County, by the Name of *Ann-Arundel*, this present Session, ch. 8.

The Number of Delegates were Fourteen, viz.