

C H A P. V.

An Act for the making void, and punishing of all fraudulent Practices tending to the Defraud of real Purchasers and Creditors. *Lib. C and WH. fol. 188.* Passed 19th April 1671.  
*Lib. WH. fol. 132. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 51. REP.*  
 Confirmed among the perpetual Laws, 1676, *ch. 2.*

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for Quieting Possessions. *Lib. C and WH. fol. 191.* Ditto.  
*Lib. WH. fol. 134. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 53.*

N. B. This Act is confirmed among the perpetual Laws, by 1676, *ch. 2.* and is also approved and quoted in the Act of 1715, *ch. 47.* and all Property obtained under it is confirmed, §. 1, 2.

**F**ORASMUCH as in the Beginning of this Plantation, and till of late Years, there never was any settled Course of conveying Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, from Man to Man, in this Province, by reason whereof the Titles of divers Persons, who have, *bonâ fide*, bought and paid for Lands, become doubtful: And thence arise divers Suits at Law, to the great Loss of divers Inhabitants of this Province, We, the Delegates and Deputies of the Freemen of this Province, in this present General Assembly, do pray that it may be Enacted, Preamble.

II. And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord and Proprietary of this Province, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower Houses of this present General Assembly, That all Sales, Gifts or Grants heretofore made, of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, within this Province, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, that Right had to sell, give or grant such Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, made by Writing only, with or without Seal, shall for ever hereafter be accounted good, and available in Law, to bar the Heirs or Executors of such Vendors, Donors or Grantors; and all Persons claiming Dower from any such Vendors, Donors or Grantors; any Error in the Form only, of such Writings, to the contrary notwithstanding. Conveyances by Writing only, with or without Seal, heretofore made, shall be good in Law.

III. And forasmuch as divers Assignments of Patents (written on the Back-side of such Patents) for Land, are now worn out, and also many other Sales in Paper, either worn out, or quite lost, for which the Purchase Money hath been *bonâ fide* paid, **Be it further Enacted** by the Authority, Advice and Consent of the said Assembly, That all Sales, Gifts or Grants heretofore made, by Persons that Right had, as aforesaid, where either the Sale, Gift or Grant, or Payment, *bonâ fide* made, can be proved by Witness, such Sales shall for ever hereafter be accounted good, and available in the Law, to bar the Heirs and Executors of such Vendors, Donors or Grantors, or other Persons claiming Dower from any such Vendors, Donors or Grantors; any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary hereof notwithstanding. Where lost or defaced, Proof of Payment shall be good in Law.

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

C H A P. VII.

An Act against Hog-Stealers. *Lib. C and WH. fol. 193. Lib. WH. fol. 89.* Passed 19th April 1671.  
*and Lib. WH and L. fol. 54. EXP.*  
 For 3 Years, &c. Continued by several reviving Acts. A new Act made 1692, *ch. 32.*

C H A P. VIII.

An Act for providing a Standard, with English Weights and Measures, in the several and respective Counties, within this Province. *Lib. C and WH. fol. 195. Lib. WH. fol. 92. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 56. EXP.* Ditto.  
 For 3 Years, &c. Continued from Time to Time. A new Act 1692, *fol. 43.*

C H A P. IX.

An Act prohibiting the Importation of all Horses, Geldings, Mares or Colts, into this Province. *Lib. C and WH. fol. 199. Lib. WH. fol. 96. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 58. EXP.* Ditto.  
 For 3 Years, &c. Expired in 1692. An Explanatory Act 1671, *ch. 30.*