

1688.

4. WILLIAM and MARY.

Passed 8th
Dec. 1688.

C H A P. X.
An Act for repairing the State-House. Lib. WH. fol. 308. OBS.

Ditto.

C H A P. XI.
An Act for Payment and Assessing of the public Charge of this Province. Lib. WH. fol. 310. OBS.

N. B. On the 23d August 1689, the CONVENTION met at St. Mary's, by Virtue of Letters missive, from the several Commanders, Officers, and Gentlemen associated in Arms, for the Defence of the Protestant Religion, and asserting the Right and Title of their present Majesties, King William and Queen Mary, to this Province, as to all other the English Dominions and Territories; and made choice of Mr. Kenelm Cheseldine for their Speaker. In which Convention it was Voted and Ordered (on the 2d September) "That the Temporary Laws of this Province do stand and continue revived for 3 Years from their Commencement, or otherwise in Statu quo prius, as if this Assembly had not been."

On the 29th September 1690, the Convention met again, and appointed Col. Geo. Robotham their Speaker, or Chairman.

They published an Ordinance or Proclamation, on the 6th October, prohibiting the Exportation of Indian Corn, until the 10th July following.

The same Day was read a Draught for the Repeal of three Acts, viz. 1688, Chapters 5, 7, and 8; but was rejected, as not within the Cognizance of that House.

The Convention being met on the 9th April 1692, his Excellency Lyonel Copley, Esq; produced, and caused to be read, his Commission for the Government of this Province, and on the same Day, in his Majesty's Name, Dissolved the same.

1692.

At an ASSEMBLY, held at the City of St. Mary's, on the 10th Day of May, Anno Domini 1692, and and in the 4th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady WILLIAM and MARY, by the Grace of GOD, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King and Queen, &c. and ended the 9th Day of June following; These * Acts following were made.

LYONEL COPLEY, Esq; Governor.

* The Laws of this Session, being the first which was regularly held in this Province, after the Government was seized into the Hands of the Crown, at the Revolution, are recorded at large, in the Order they are here inserted, in a Book marked LL, in the Secretary's Office, which was transmitted from England, and copied from the original Laws there, as appears by the Certificate of Sir Thomas Lawrence, Baronet, then Secretary of the Province, at the End thereof, in the following Words:

"MEMORANDUM,
" That all these Laws, contained in this Book, being Fourscore and four in Number, and written in 249 Pages, were copied out at the Plantation Office in Whitehall, from the Original Laws, then in the Custody of the Hon. William Blathwait, and John Povey, Esquires, and were carefully examined by me at Whitehall in the Month of December 1695. Witness my Hand,
THOMAS LAWRENCE."

This Book composed the Body of Laws for the Province at the End of this Session, as all former ones (except such as related to private Rights and Property) were repealed by ch. 84.

These Laws are likewise recorded, but in a different Order, in Lib. L, bound up together with, and after, Lib. WH, remaining in the Secretary's Office, which for Distinction sake I have marked [Lib. WH and L*.] to shew that the Laws so distinguished, must be sought for in the 2d Series of Folioes in that Book. And such of these Laws as were continued in Force, by the Act of 1699, ch. 46, are likewise recorded in Lib. LL, N° 2, begun in the Year 1699, and intended for the Body of Provincial Laws to that Period; so that the References are here made to the several Books before mentioned.

The Enacting Stile of this Session (and which continued the same, mutatis mutandis, during the Reign of his Majesty K. William) is, "Be it Enacted by the King and Queen's most excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same."

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