

C H A P. IV.

Passed 9th of June 1692. *An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon their Majesty's Governor within this Province, for the Time being.* Lib. LL. fol. 21. Lib. WH and L*. fol. 117. and Lib. LL. N^o 2. fol. 30. REP.

N. B. The new Act of 1704, ch. 42, is (*mutatis mutandis*) copied from this Act. The material Differences, and which seem to be chiefly owing to the Fault of the Transcribers, or Ingressors of the Bill, are pointed out in the Note upon that Act. See a Supplementary Act below, ch. 7.

C H A P. V.

Ditto. *An Act against Divulgers of false News.* Lib. LL. fol. 24. and Lib. WH and L*. fol. 140. REP.

C H A P. VI.

Ditto. *An Act for Naturalization.* Lib. LL. fol. 46. and Lib. WH and L*. fol. 141. EXP.

N. B. By this Act, the present Governor, during the Time of his continuing Governor, was enabled to declare (by a Public Instrument under the Great Seal) any Aliens already settled, or hereafter coming to settle within the Province, having taken the Oath of Allegiance before him, to be to all Intents and Purposes, fully and completely Naturalized. The Governor to have a Fee of 3*l.* and 10*s.* to the Clerk for drawing the Patent.

C H A P. VII.

Ditto. *A Supplementary Act to the * Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon their Majesty's Governor, within this Province, for the Time being.* Lib. LL. fol. 27. and Lib. WH and L*. fol. 142. EXP.

* Ch. 4, above. This Act gave 3*d.* per Hoghead on all Tobaccos exported, for 3 Years certain.

C H A P. VIII.

Ditto. *An ACT for securing the Rights of several Persons.* Lib. LL. fol. 28. Lib. WH and L*. fol. 12. and Lib. LL. N^o 2. fol. 6. PR.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many and frequent Complaints have been made, by divers good People of this Province, who of late Years have procured, of the Lord Proprietary of this Province, Warrants for the Laying out and Taking up several Quantities of Land within the same, and have passed their Bond to his Lordship, according to his late Conditions of Plantations for the same: And by Virtue of their Warrants, the several Surveyors of this Province had, before the Revolution of Affairs within the same, surveyed and laid out, pursuant to the said Warrants, several Tracts and Parcels of Land for them or to their Assigns; and either had returned the Certificate of the same unto the Examiner, or had it in their Hands ready to return, before the Revolution as aforesaid. But the same Certificate either not arrived in the Land-Office of this Province, or if the same was, no Patents as yet for the same granted; and his Lordship having shut up the Land-Office of this Province, and no Person being qualified to grant Patents for the same; they, and others in the like Condition, are in great Danger of losing the Benefit and Estate of and in their said Lands so laid out and surveyed as aforesaid: In tender Consideration whereof, and for the Prevention of such Evils and Inconveniences within this Province, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeses and Delegates of this present General Assembly, on the Behalf of the good People of this Province, do humbly pray that it may be Enacted: And,

II. 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, That any Person or Persons whatsoever, being free Denizens and Subjects to the Crown of England, that at any Time heretofore, within the Space of Five Years last past, had obtained of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of this Province, from himself, or from any Person by, from, or under him, any Warrant or Warrants, for any Parcel or Parcels of Land, either of Re-survey, or to be taken up within this Province, and by Virtue of which any Parcel or Parcels of Land whatsoever, was, by any lawful Surveyor of

Lands surveyed by any lawful Surveyor within, &c. and not yet Patented, shall on Proof thereof, &c. be held by the Person to whom such Warrants were granted.