

An Act for Publication of all Laws within this Province

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Forasmuch as many new laws have been made this present Assembly wherein the welfare of the good people of this Province is much concerned and divers old laws not sufficiently providing against the offences by them to be punished have been made more penal to the end many people of this Province wilfully disposed may be deterred from evil doing and that notwithstanding all the laws intended that every person in this Province is bound to take notice of what is passed in the Assembly because every person is there present in their Representatives yet his Excellency the Governour the Councell and Assembly desiring not the destruction of the very worst of the people of this Province nor that they should be over taken by any Intendment in Law in a penal Act ^{But} not at all too severe for the misdoers it intends to punish Do think fitt that it be enacted and so it enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that from henceforward all the Acts that shall pass from this and all the succeeding Assemblies shall be from tyme to tyme fairly transcribed into Parchment and by writt under the great seale of this Province from tyme to tyme be passed by the Chancellour for the tyme being to the sherriff of each respective County to be transmitted and comandment to them in the said writts shall be given as well the said Acts in their severall & respective Counties in what place to them shall seem most convenient to publish and proclayme all the said Acts of Assembly to be firmly observed and kept, And so it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every severall and respective County shall from tyme to tyme pay to the Chancellour for the tyme being for such transcript of the Laws so much Tobacco as by the said Generall Assembly in which the said Laws are made shall assess and allow ~

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