

For St. Mary's Hundred,	2
St. Inegoe's, - - -	1
S. Michael's, - - -	2
St. George's, - - -	2
Newtown, - - -	3
St. Clement's, - - -	1
Kent-Island, - - -	1
Providence, - - -	2

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The Separation of this Assembly into Two distinct Houses, was confirmed by an Act passed the first Day of their sitting, a Copy whereof is here inserted; and the Lower House chose Mr. James Cox, one of the Burgesses for Providence, to be their Speaker, and William Bretton for their Clerk.

C H A P. I.

Passed 6th of April 1650. *An Act for settling of this present Assembly.* L. O. Lib. N^o 3. fol. 49.

BE IT ENACTED by the Lord Proprietary, with the Advice and Consent of the Council and Burgesses of this Province now assembled, That the present Assembly, during the continuance thereof, be held by Way of Upper and Lower House, to sit in two distinct Houses, apart, for the more convenient Dispatch of the Business therein to be consulted of: And that the Governor and Secretary, or any one or more of the Council, for the Upper House; and Mr. John Hatb; Mr. Walter Beans, Mr. John Medley, Mr. William Broughe, Mr. Robert Robins, Mr. Francis Post, Mr. Philip Land, Mr. Francis Brooke, Mr. Thomas Mattheus, Mr. Thomas Sterman, Mr. George Manners, Burgesses for St. Mary's County, Capt. Robert Vaughan, Commander and Burgess for the Isle of Kent County, Mr. George Puddington, and Mr. James Cox, Burgesses of that Part of the Country now called Providence, or any Five or more of them, for the Lower House, together with the Clerk of that House for the Time being, who shall from Time to Time assemble themselves, at the Time and Place to be by the Governour (or whomsoever of the Council he shall, by Writing under his Hand, depute for that purpose) from Time to Time appointed, during this present Assembly, shall have the full Power of, and be, Two Houses of Assembly, to all Intents and Purposes. And all Bills which shall be Passed by the said Two Houses, or the major Part of both of them, and Enacted or Ordained by the Governor, shall be Laws of the Province, after Publication thereof under the Hand of the Governor, and the Great Seal of the Province, as fully, to all Effects in Law, as if they were Advised and Assented unto by all the Freemen of the Province personally.

C H A P. II.

Passed 29th April 1650. *An Act for Punishment of certain Offences, as Swearing, Cursing, Adultery, &c.* Lib. WH. fol. 123. Lib. C and WH. fol. 129. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 14. Confirmed among the perpetual Laws, 1676, ch. 2.

C H A P. III.

Ditto. *An Act for Punishment of some other Offences.* Lib. WH. fol. 123. Lib. C and WH. fol. 129. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 14. Confirmed among the perpetual Laws, 1676, ch. 2.

C H A P. IV.

Ditto. *An Act prohibiting all Compliance with Capt. William Cleyborne, in opposition of his Lordship's Right and Dominion over this Province.* Lib. WH. fol. 124. Lib. C and WH. fol. 130. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 14. Confirmed among the perpetual Laws, 1676, ch. 2.

C H A P. V.

Ditto. *An Act concerning deserted Plantations.* Lib. WH. fol. 125. Lib. C and WH. fol. 132. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 16.

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

N. B. By this Law, (1.) His Lordship was enabled, for all Manors, Lands, &c. heretofore taken up or seated, and for four Years last past or longer deserted or left uninhabited, and his Lordship's Rents not paid (unless the Persons claiming Right to such Lands (Orphans under 16 excepted) should before the 25th of next March make out their Claims, take Grants thereof under the Great Seal, where such Grants had not heretofore been legally passed, and satisfy his Lordship's Arrears of Rent,) to grant the same, or any Part thereof, to any other Persons desiring the same, &c. (2.) And that for all other Manors, Lands and Plantations already taken up or seated within this Province (not belonging to any Orphans under 16 Years of Age) which shall happen to be deserted or left uninhabited, by such as shall then have or may claim to have any Right or Title thereto, and his Lordship, or his Heirs Lords and Proprietaries of this Province, his or their Rents due for the same not paid for three Years together, it shall in like manner, at any Time after the expiration of the said three Years, be lawful for his Lordship, &c. to grant the same, or any Part thereof, to any other Person or Persons, who shall desire Grants thereof according to the Conditions of Plantations then in Force, &c.

C H A P. VI.

Ditto. *An Act concerning the Secretary's and Sheriff's Fees.* REP. 1676, ch. 2.

An explanatory Act 1661, ch. 9.

C H A P. VII.

Ditto. *An Act prohibiting any Indians to come into Kent or Ann-Arundel Counties, without Notice thereof given.* REP. 1676, ch. 2.

C H A P.