

Acts made at a GENERAL ASSEMBLY, held at the City of *St. Mary's*, the 19th Day of *May*, and ended the 6th Day of *June*, in the 42d Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable CÆCILIVS, &c. *Annoq; Domini 1674.*

His Excellency CHARLES CALVERT, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An Act of Gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert, Esq; Governor. Lib. C and WH. fol. 222. Lib. WH. fol. 63. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 73. EXP. June 1674.

This Act continues the 2 s. per Hogthead on all Tobaccos exported, granted to his Lordship by the Revenue Act of 1671, *ch. 11*, for and during the Life of his Excellency Charles Calvert, Esq; Son and Heir apparent of the Lord Proprietary.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the enrolling of Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers. *Lib. C and WH. fol. 226. Lib. WH. fol. 118. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 76.* Ditto.

This Act is confirmed by 1676, *ch. 2*, and is also approved, and all the Purchases made under it, are confirmed by the Act of 1715, *ch. 47, §. 4.*

FOR the better establishing of a Way and Method of Conveying of Preamble. Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, within this Province, for the future; and for the avoiding of all Abuses and Deceit, in incumbering Estates by Mortgages, and otherwise, by the Owners of Lands and Hereditaments, to the prejudice of Purchasers, for valuable Considerations, and such as Lend their Monies upon real Securities;

II. Be it Enacted by his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of this Province, by All Conveyances to be made by Writing indented and sealed, and to be acknowledged and enrolled. and with the Advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower Houses of this present General Assembly, That from and after the Publication hereof, no Manors, Lordships, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments whatsoever, within this Province, or any the Lands, Islands, Territories or Places thereunto belonging, shall pass, alter or change from one to another, whereby the Estate of Inheritance, or Freehold, or any Estate for Years (other than such upon which the improved yearly Rents reserved to be paid) shall be made to take Effect in any Person or Persons, or any Use or Trust thereof, except the Deed or Deeds, Conveyance or Conveyances, by which the same shall be intended to pass, alter or change, be made by Writing indented and sealed; and that the same be acknowledged in the Provincial Court of this Province, or before two of the Privy Council of this Province, or in the Court of the same County, or before two of the Justices of the Peace of the same County, where the same Manors, Lordships, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments do lie; and be enrolled, or the Substance of the same (*That is to say*) the certain Dates, Names, Surnames, and Additions of the Parties thereunto, with the certain Considerations for which the same are made, and the Certainty of the Premises, and of the Estate and Estates thereby intended to pass, be enrolled in the Provincial Court of this Province, or in the County Court where the Land doth lie: The same Enrolment to be made within twelve Months, next after the Date of the said Writings indented; for the Caption of which said Acknowledgment, there shall be paid to the Parties taking the same, Twelve Pence Sterling, and no more. And for which said Enrolment, there shall be paid to the Clerk of the said Provincial or County Court, in case the same do not exceed half a Side of a Leaf in Folio, in the Record Book, wherein the same shall be enrolled, the Sum of Eight Pence only; and if the same do exceed