

An Act for the Publication of all the Laws of this Province, and for the Recording the same in the Secretary's Office, as also for transmitting the Journals of the Council in Assembly, and of the House of Delegates into the said Office, to the End that no Person may be Ignorant of the Laws in this Province.

BE it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same; That from hence forward all the Acts that shall pass from this and all the succeeding Assemblies shall be, from time to time fairly transcribed on Parchment, and for want thereof, on good Paper with a parchment Cover, and by Writ under the Great Seal of this Province, from time to time, by the Keeper of the Seal, for the Time being, to the Sheriff of each Respective County, shall be transmitted, and Commandment to them, in the said Writs shall be given, The said Acts in their severall and respective Counties, at their next County-Court, to publish, and Proclaim firmly to be observed and kept, and Lodged with the Clerk of each respective Court for the Use thereof.

Laws to be transcribed on Parchment and published by Writ to the Sheriff.

And be it further Enacted by Authority aforesaid, That every severall and respective County, shall, from time to time, pay to the Chancellor, for the time being, for such Transcript of the Laws, so much Tobacco as by the said General Assembly in which the said Laws are made, shall be assessed and allowed.

Transcripts of Laws to be paid for to the Chancellor. What the Assembly shall assess.

Provided always, That because there is not Parchment now to be had in the Province, for Transcribing the Laws of this present Sessions, to be sent to the Counties, that for this Sessions, only good Paper shall be accepted to transcribe the severall Laws therein.

But Paper may be used for want of Parchment for once.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all the Acts of Assembly which shall be Enacted this present Sessions, and all the succeeding Sessions of Assembly, shall, within Ten Days after the End of each Sessions, be Transmitted into the Secretaries Office, and the Secretary, for the Time being, shall upon Receipt of the said Acts into his Office, cause the said Acts to be entered upon Record, in a very fair legible Hand, and in a good substantial Book, bound with Leather or Parchment Cover, with large Margins, and also Alphabet the said Book in good Order, and Affix the Seal of his Office thereto, and the Clerk or Clerks that do Record the said Acts shall make Oath before the Governour of this Province, for the Time being, or before one of his Majesty's Council, or two of the Justices of the Provincial Court, That he or they have carefully examined the Record of the said Acts by the Original Acts, which have passed the Great Seal. All which shall be done within Six Months Successively after the end of each Session.

All Acts to be transmitted to the Secretaries Office within 10 Days

and be there Recorded. Alphabeted. Sealed and examined on Oath. within six Months.

And in case the Secretary shall not pursue the Directions of this Act, but shall make Default, he shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every such Neglect, the one half thereof to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, for the support of the Government of this Province, and the other half to the Informer or him or them that

Secretary failing to forfeit 10000 l. Tobacco.