

The Lieutenant General & Secretarie (or his Deputie and Gentlemen so Summoned by  
Speciall Writt & one or two Burgesses out of every Hundred (at the Choice of the  
Freemen) at any Time hereafter assembled shall be judged a Generall Assembly -

All Commissions from or under the Lord Proprietarie 15<sup>th</sup> shall be in  
force at his Death shall remain in the same force until a new Comiss<sup>o</sup> for  
the Government published under the Great Seale -

Any Bargain with the Lieutenant General & Council shall make with any  
Underasher for the setting up of a Water mill for the Use of the Colony shall be  
void upon all Inhabitants of the Colony in such manner as the Lieuten<sup>t</sup> General  
& Council shall appoint so it exceed not ten thousand weight of Tobacco -  
in a year for two years only.

This Act to endure till the End of the next generall Assembly or (if such  
generall Assembly be not sooner called) for three years only -

The Freemen have assented -

The Lord Proprietarie willett that this be a Law -

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March 19<sup>th</sup> 1638 -

John Lewger Secretarie

(No 2)

Bills Enacted for Laws all the Sessions of Generall Assembly 23<sup>th</sup>  
of March 1641. -

An Act for Granting of One Subvedge.

All Freemen of this Province out of their Desire to returne his Lordship some  
testimony of their Gratitude for his Lordships Great Charge & Sollicitude in maintaining  
the Govern<sup>t</sup> & protecting the Inhabitants in their persons Rights and Liberties and to  
contribute some Support toward it so far as the young & poor Estate of the Colony will  
yet bear doe desire that it may be Enacted AND be it Enacted by the Lord Proprie-  
tary of the Province of and with the Advice & Assent of the Freemen of the same that  
every Freeman or Freewoman & every Servant belonging to some Master or Dame  
out of the Province now being or to be at any time here after shall be an Inhabitant  
of any County of this Province for the space of three Months at the least afore the  
Tenth of November next shall at the said Tenth of November pay unto such person  
or Persons or One of them as shall be appointed & Authorized in that County to collect  
the same by the Lord Proprietarie or his Lieuten<sup>t</sup> General 15<sup>th</sup> of Tobacco for him  
or Her self & other 15<sup>th</sup> Tobacco for every person which shall belong to his <sup>his Family</sup> or  
sojourn in the same for the greatest part of the Time between this & the 25<sup>th</sup> of July  
next (Children excepted under the Age of 12 years) and shall pay the said Tobacco  
with Cash (or allow for Cash after the rate of 10<sup>th</sup> of Hundred) at some such plantation or  
plantations as shall be appointed or well liked of in the Hundred by the Collector or  
Collectors or one of them as aforesaid and the Inhabitants of Kent shall be  
chargeable to pay it at Kent Fort. AND such Collector or Collectors or any of  
them may distress for the said right upon any person or persons chargeable to the  
said Levy as aforesaid & refusing or delaying to pay the same or upon any his  
or her Lands Debts Goods & Chattells or to be in his or her possession at the  
time of such Distresse -

Provided that where any House keeper or Housekeepers payes  
for any Freeman or Freewoman as belonging to his her or their Family such  
House keeper or Housekeepers so paying may Charge the said paym<sup>t</sup> to the  
account of such Freeman or Freewoman or recover it by Accon of Debt in  
which case a Freeman or Freewoman is to be judged such as are in Covenant  
for wages or Hire for their Work or Service AND where any Housekeeper as  
aforesaid payes for any Apprenticed as belonging to his Family w<sup>ch</sup> Apprenticed  
as hired of or belonging to some other person such Housekeeper so paying

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