

FRANCIS NICHOLSON, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR. JULY. 1696.

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the PORT of ANNAPOLIS, on the 1st day of July, in the 8th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord WILLIAM the third, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *annoque domini* 1696, and ended the 9th day of the same month.

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G H A P. X.  
An ACT for sanctifying and keeping holy the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday. Lib. LL. Passed 8th of July, 1696.  
No. 2. fol. 111. Repealed 1723, ch. 16.

C H A P. XI.  
A Supplementary act to the act for raising a supply for defraying the public charge of this province.  
Expired.

C H A P. XII.  
An ACT prohibiting all manner of profane cursing and swearing. Repealed 1698, ch. 19.

C H A P. XIII.  
An ACT for settling the clerk of the council's fees.

C H A P. XIV.  
An ACT for reviving the temporary laws of this province. Expired.

C H A P. XV.  
An ACT for repealing the act against striking of fish in Dorchester and Somersset counties.

C H A P. XVI.  
An ACT for assessing the public charge of this province.

C H A P. XVII.  
A Petitionary act for free-schools. Lib. LL. No. 2. fol. 115.

TO HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, &c.

DREAD SOVEREIGN,

FROM the sincerity of our humble and loyal hearts, we offer to your sacred person, our most dutiful and sincere thanks, for your royal care and protection to us, for your majesty's princely zeal and pious care of our mother the church of England, and extending your royal benediction to our neighbouring colony, your majesty's subjects and territory of Virginia, in your gracious grant and charter for the propagation of the college, or place of universal study, in that your majesty's said colony. In humble contemplation whereof, and being excited by his present excellency Francis Nicholson, Esquire, your majesty's governor of this your province, his zeal for your majesty's service, pious endeavours and generous offers for the propagation of christianity and good learning, herein we become humble suitors to your most sacred majesty, to extend your royal grace and favour to us your majesty's subjects of this province, represented in this your majesty's general assembly thereof, That it may be enacted,

II. AND MAY IT BE ENACTED, by the King's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice, prayer and consent of this present General Assembly, and the authority of the same, That for the propagation of the gospel, and the education of the youth of this province in good letters and manners, that a certain place or places, for a free-school or schools, or place of study of Latin, Greek, writing, and the like, consisting of one master, one usher, and one writing-master, or scribe, to a school, and one hundred scholars, more or less, according to the ability of the said free-school, may be made, erected, founded, propagated and established under your royal patronage. And that the most reverend father

A free-school to be founded at Annapolis, &c.

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