

Persons in this Province might in the severall Counties  
 have recourse to the said Lawes and Regulate themselves,  
 accordingly it is enacted that every County Clerk should  
 or officio transcribe and fairly write out in a book for  
 that purpose to be kept all the Lawes that at the end of  
 the said Session were in force to the intent that a faire &  
 true Record of the Lawes might be kept in every County Never  
 the less the Delegates of the lower house of Assembly upon  
 view and perusal of the body of Lawes of this Province  
 kept in the secretaries office finding the book in which  
 they are entered to be by the often using almost worn  
 out and unbound the leaves loose and may be scattered &  
 lost and the old Lawes as well temporall as perpetuall  
 Repealed and not Repealed, continued and discontinued  
 confusedly mixed together and all and unclark like  
 written in so many severall hands and no sufficient attes-  
 tations to the same from the Lord Proprietary or his Deut  
 Generall chief Governour Chancellour Secretary or other  
 person to testifye the said Book to be an authentick copy  
 of the severall Lawes confirmed by his Lordship the Lord  
 Proprietary and the severall Originall Lawes into the said  
 book entred and from time to time to the end of every As-  
 sembly signed allowed and confirmed by his Lordships  
 Father of happy memory or his Lordship his or their Deut  
 or chief Governour doe negligently and carelessly kept up  
 loose papers ragged and torne and scarce legible to Justi-  
 fy the Lawes in the said book entred as aforesaid to the  
 great dishonour of His Lordship and the Province that  
 the said Lawes which are the Warrant of all Judicall  
 proceedings in civill and Crim. in all matters & other  
 matters and concerns of the Province and the Originall  
 from which the Lawes in the County Courts are trans-  
 cribed should be so carelessly and unbecomingly kept for  
 Remedy whereof and to the intent that our Records may  
 appear plain safe and secured to posterity The Dele-  
 gates of this present Generall Assembly do pray that  
 it may be enacted And be it enacted by the Right  
 Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice  
 and Consent of the upper and lower house of this

present