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or suggestion? be disarmed or dispossessed in his arms or ammunition, and thereby consequently left to the cruelty of the Indians; unless such person be proved to bear arms to an hostile intent, or contrary to the usual & allowable Customs of the Country for such man's defence.

This present general Assembly, having considered the present state of this Province, & finding the agreement according to the said Articles greatly conducing to the honour of the said Baltimore frequently known amongst us & greatly furthering the uniting of the whole inhabitants, & bringing them to a better capacity against the incursions of the Indian enemy, whom we have observed to take advantage of our former distraction.

Be it therefore enacted by the said Prop<sup>ty</sup>, by & with the consent of this general Assembly, that the said Articles be, to all intents & purposes, inviolably observed & confirmed.

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### An act prohibiting Ground Leases & Secondes.

Be it enacted by the said Prop<sup>ty</sup>, by & with the consent of this present general Assembly, that no person within this Province shall make or cause to be made any ground Lease or Second Crops, upon any pretence whatsoever. And if it be proved that any person, contrary to the true intent of this Act, shall presume to make any ground Lease or Second Crops being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be fined for every such offence, two hundred P<sup>ts</sup> of tobac. the one half to the said Prop<sup>ty</sup>, the other half to the informer. Provided always that all Contracts & Covenants made before the 24<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1657 not payable before the Crops in the year 1658 shall not be intended within the compass of this Act, but every such Payor or Debtor shall have allowance in consideration for cutting such tobacco. This Act to endure for three years, or to the end of the next general Assembly & no longer.

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### An act for the advancement of Childrens estates.

Be it enacted by the said Prop<sup>ty</sup>, by & with the consent of this present general Assembly, that all persons that now have, or shall have any estate of goods, Chattels or Land in their possession, belonging to any who are under age, shall exhibit an Inventory & account of the said estate within three months next after the publication of this Act, to the respective County Courts where such estate shall be, & afterwards yearly. And in case such person or persons who have such estates in their hands, do not at the times & places aforesaid present the Inventory & account of such estates as aforesaid, that then the