

His Excellency the Prop^{ty} & his Excellency's Assent & Confirmation and the
 for the Confirmation of all such Laws Temporary & Perpetual
 were at the end of this s^d session in due force & to the intent of
 all Magistrates might the better know how to do Justice according
 to those Laws & if all persons in this Province might in their
 severall Counties have recourse to s^d Laws & Regulate themselves
 accordingly did Enact of every County Clerk should Ex Officio
 Transcribe & fairly write out in a book for y^e purpose to be kept
 all s^d Laws of as the end of the s^d session were in force, to the intent
 that a faire & true Record of the Laws might be kept in every County
 Never the less the Delegates of the Lower House of Assembly upon
 view & perusal of the Copy of Laws of this Province kept in s^d Sec^y
 Office finding the book in w^{ch} they are entered to be full of mistakes
 almost worn out & unbound & leaves loose & may be scattered & lost
 & the old Laws as well Temporary as Perpetual Repeated not Repeated
 Continued & Discontinued Confusedly mixt together, all such like
 like written in so many severall hands & no sufficient Attestations to
 the same, from the Prop^{ty} or his Lov^{ty} Gov^{er} Chiefe Govern^{or} Francis
 Sec^y or other person to certifye s^d booke to be an Authentick Copy
 of the severall Laws confirmed by his Excellency the Prop^{ty} & severall
 Originall Laws into the s^d booke entered & from time to time to
 end of every Assembly signed allowed & confirmed by his Excellency
 of happy memory or his Excellency his or their Lov^{ty} or Chiefe Govern^{or}
 so negligently & carelessly kept in loose papers ragged & some and
 scarce legible to Justifie the Laws in the s^d booke entered as afores^d
 to s^d great dishonour of his Excellency & Province if the s^d Laws were the
 warrant of all Judiciall Proceeding in Civill & Criminall matters & other
 matters & Concerns of the Province & Originall from w^{ch} the Laws in
 the County Courts are Transcribed should be so carelessly & unduly
 kept for Remedy whereof & to s^d intent of s^d Records may appear
 please safe & secured to Posterity, the Delegates of this present Gen^l
 Assembly do pray if it may be Enacted AND be it enacted by the Hon^{ble}
 the Prop^{ty} & with the advice & Consent of the Upper & Lower Houses
 of this present Gen^l Assembly & the authority of the same that s^d Sec^y
 of this Province in whose Custody the Records of this Province remaine
 & to whom the benefit of the Copies of such Records do accrue, do at or before
 the five & twentieth day of May next ensuing Cause all such acts
 of Assembly & Laws of this Province as shall be offere at & end
 of this present session of Assembly to be entered upon Record in a
 new booke of a large fol^{io} & good substantiall paper well bound in
 Leather Cover for y^e purpose to be kept onely in the Sec^y Office in
 faire & legible sort hand & Carroitor & shall also Cause s^d same to be
 Examined by the Originall Acts Remaniny upon Record and s^d hand
 of the severall Clerks of both Houses & his Excellency the Prop^{ty} if now
 his Assent made therunto At Com^{ing} of s^d last session of Assembly and
 the same so entered shall be sealed with s^d lesser seal & signed of the
 Gen^l Sec^y & s^d Hon^{ble} & Sec^y do also Cause a list & Catalogue
 of s^d