

An Act for appointing a Publick Notary

The Burgesses of this present Generall Assembly observing  
 the little regard or Credit that hath been  
 usually in former time given to Publick Instruments  
 as protested out of Copies of Records sent out of  
 this Province into foreign parts for want of a  
 Publick Notary as heretofore for that end, And  
 considering it necessary that such an Officer be  
 appointed who by such Instruments as aforesaid  
 may pass with greater Credence both in foreign  
 parts at home amongst the people of this Province  
 as it therefore chartered by the Right Hon: the  
 Lord Proprietary by a writt the assent of the upper  
 & lower house of this present Generall Assembly of  
 this Province for the time being be  
 howe appointed & authorized to be the Publick  
 Notary of this Province And that he be sworn  
 by the next Generall for the time being for that  
 end & purpose, To the end that all persons who shall  
 doe any Publick or private Instrument in writing  
 to be attested may to him repair who is enjoyned  
 to give assistance therunto as in some Cases  
 Publick Notaries in England use to doe And that  
 his Attestations may have the greater Credence  
 shall cause the docters of this Province to All  
 such Attestations by him made to be therunto affixed  
 unto whose Attestation both abroad & at home shall  
 be as fully faith & Credence may be given And the  
 Notary shall have for his Fee for every such Attest  
 his by pounds of Tobacco & fifty pounds of Tobacco for  
 the Attestation thereof Provided that this Act nor  
 any thing therein contained abridge not the power  
 of any Instrument or other writing allowed  
 him by any former Act of Assembly this Act.