

in absence of such Secretary or other Person appointed by the Lord Proprietary or his heirs under the Great seal then by some other Person appointed by the Lieutenant General till the Lord Proprietary shall otherwise provide this Act to continue till the end of the next General Assembly

An Act for the Peopling of the Province

Be it enacted and Ordained by the Lord Proprietary of this Province of and with the advice and approbation of the Freemen of the same that if any Person or Persons his heirs or assigns to whom the Lord Proprietary or his heirs shall hereafter grant or assign any manner lands or tenements within this Province shall not at some time within the space of three whole years have so many able persons being Christians planters and dwelling in or upon the same land or some part thereof as are mentioned to be the consideration of granting the same lands in the Original Grants thereof made by the Lord Proprietary or his heirs as well for the strength & security of the Plantation here as for the service of the Lord Proprietary and his heirs that then and in every such case it shall be lawful for the Lord Proprietary and his heirs to grant or lease any part or parts of the said lands so granted and unoccupied to any other Person for a life or seven years and to receive the same and first years rent thereof this Act