

Protest thorn, and Declare do Wood hereby also
 Doo that the said Assembly in one thousand Six
 hundred forty Six was lawfully sent in wood by
 said brother, And all Acts thorn assented unto by the
 said Assembly, and in our name Enacted by our said
 brother word and are Lawes of the said Province,
 fully to all effects in law, till wood or our thorn
 signify our disassents thorn onto, as any lawes in
 thorn before in the said Province have or ought
 have bene. For although the first Summons were
 issued by one who was not our Lawfull Lieutenant
 thorn, yet being afterwards approved of by one who
 was. it is all one, as to the proceedings afterwards
 as if at first they had issued from a lawfull Go-
 vernor. For our Charter of the said Province gives
 power to Assemble the freemen thorn or thorn
 Deputyes in such manner and at such tymes,
 wood shall thin be fitt, and whether it were any
 of the said Province doth oblige us, or our Lieuten-
 thorn to any particular forme or circumstance
 of Summoning the freemen to any Assembly. For
 freemen of themselves without any Summons
 should assemble themselves or elect certain
 persons to be their Deputyes in a generall As-
 ssembly, and send them to the Governour thorn for the
 purpose. Although this were a very illegal
 proceeding, and would perhaps deserve exemplary
 punishment, yet certainly if a lawfull Governour
 shall afterwards allow thorn of and shall appro-
 -ve by proceeding to the Enacting of lawes with thorn
 consent such lawes would be in as much force
 as binding to the people and soe in all respects
 ought to be, as if the Elections had bene made
 Summons from a lawfull Governour. Any act made
 by an unlawful power, if it be afterwards approved
 of by a lawfull authority that hath power to do
 (as in the case aforesaid) it becomes thereby law-
 full. Wherefore those pretended Exceptions
 against the legality of these lawes enacted
 our said Brother in our name by and with
 consent of the said Assembly in January
 thousand Six hundred forty Six are in our
 opinion, and serve onely to breed factions and
 divisions among the people thorn which no doubt
 were wholly intended by some thorn that first raised
 them, But God I hope will open the eyes of
 the most, and well meaning Members of the
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