

Articles Prohibing Ground Leases & Leases.

4. It is Enacted by the Lord Proprietary
 by and with the Consent of this present
 Generall Assembly that no Person wh^o
 in this Province shall make, or cause to be
 made, any Ground Leases or Leases or 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 Leases or Crops
 being lawfully Committed thereof, shall be
 fined for every such Hogshod five hundred
 Pounds of Tobacco, the one halfe thereof
 to the Lord Proprietary, the other halfe to
 the Informer.

Provided always that all Contracts or
 Covenants made before the twelfth
 month of September one thousand
 six hundred fifty seven, not payable
 the first of the year and the first of
 hundred fifty eight shall not be in
 within the compass of this Act, but every
 such payer, or Debtor shall have a Power
 in consideration for fulfilling such Tobacco,
 This Act to endure for three years, or to the
 End of the next Generall Assembly and no
 longer.

The Upper house
 have assented
 Philip Calvert.

The Burgesses have assented
 Thomas Turner Esq.