

At a **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**, begun and held at *St. Leonard's*, on the 27th *April* 1658.

JOSIAS FENDALL, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

Acts made and enacted by JOSIAS FENDALL, Esq; Governor, with the Advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower Houses, at a General Session of Assembly, held at *St. Leonard's*, beginning the 27th *April*, Anno Domini 1658. Lib. C and WH. fol. 134. Lib. WH. fol. 154. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 17.

Confirmed among the perpetual Laws, by 1676, ch. 2.

N. B. This Act recites in the Preamble, his Lordship's Commission, and Instructions to his Lieutenant and Secretary, dated 18th *November* 1657, empowering them to treat with the Commissioners, in whose Hands the Government then was; who, upon Articles agreed on, dated 24th *March* 1657, delivered up the Government into the Hands of the said Lieutenant and Secretary. The above mentioned Articles are inserted at large, in the Body of the Act, and confirmed thereby.

By the 6th of these Articles, the Oath of Fidelity prescribed in the Act of 1650, ch. 29, was not to be pressed upon the Residents within the Province; but instead thereof an Engagement to be taken and subscribed, in the Manner and Form directed in this Article.

C H A P. II.

An Act concerning the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads. Lib. C and WH. fol. 137. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 19. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

For 3 Years, &c. Continued by several reviving Acts, till its Repeal in 1676.

C H A P. III.

An Act for the Killing of Wolves. Lib. C and WH. fol. 137. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 19. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

For 3 Years, &c. Continued by several reviving Acts till repealed as above.

C H A P. IV.

An Act prohibiting Ground-Leaves and Seconds. Lib. C and WH. fol. 138. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 19. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

For 3 Years, &c. Continued by various reviving Acts, till repealed.

C H A P. V.

An Act concerning a Register of Births, Marriages and Burials. Lib. WH. fol. 14. REP. 1678, ch. 10.

For 3 Years, &c. Continued by several reviving Acts till its Repeal.

C H A P. VI.

An Act concerning Servants that have Bastards. EXP.

For 3 Years, &c. A new Law made 1662, ch. 4.

C H A P. VII.

An Act for the Publication of Marriages. EXP.

For 3 Years, &c. A new Act, 1662, ch. 5.

C H A P. VIII.

An Act for the Advancement of Childrens Estates. Lib. C and WH. fol. 138. and Lib. WH and L. fol. 19. REP. 1678, ch. 10.

For 3 Years, &c. and continued by several reviving Acts, till its Repeal.

C H A P. IX.

An Act concerning Drunkenness. EXP.

For 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. X.

An Act concerning Ferries. EXP.

For 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XI.

An Act for the Burgeses Charges. OBS.

N. B. An Assembly met on the 28th *February* 1659, at the House of Mr. Thomas Gerrard, pursuant to Writs issued for that Purpose, bearing Date the 12th *January* preceding; and adjourned on the 1st of *March*, to the House of Mr. Robert Snye, where they continued to sit till the 12th Instant, when the Burgeses sent up the following Paper:

“ TO THE HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

“ That this Assembly of Burgeses, judging themselves to be a lawful Assembly, without Dependance on any other Power in the Province, now in Being, is the Highest Court of Judicature. And if any Objection can be made to the contrary, we desire to hear it. ROGER ISHAM, Clerk of the Assembly.”

This Paper was answered by certain Queries sent down to the Lower House, who thereupon demanded a Conference, which was granted, and held that Day. On the 13th, Governor Fendall (in pursuance of his before projected Scheme) declared his Judgment to be, that “ the

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