

¶Liber  
 C & W H assembled at this present Assembly that the said Severall  
 Persons so elected and returned as aforesaid shall be and be  
 called Burgesses and shall supply the places of all the freemen  
 consenting or subscribing to such their election in the same  
 manner and to all the same intents and purposes as the Bur-  
 gesses of any burrough in England in the Parliament of of  
 England useth to Supply the place of the Inhabitants of the  
 Burroughe whereof he is Elected Burges and that the said  
 Gentlemen and Burgesses and such other Freemen (not have-  
 ing Consented to any the Elections as aforesaid) as now are  
 or shall be at any time Assembled or any twelve or more of  
 them whereof the Leiutenant Generall and Secretary of the  
 Province to be allwaies two) shall be called the house of  
 Assembly; and that all Acts and ordinances assented unto and  
 p. 63 approved by the said house or by the Major part of the Persons  
 assembled and afterward assented unto by the Leiutenant  
 Generall in the name of the said Lord proprietarie and shall  
 be adjudged and established for laws to all the same force and  
 effect as if the said Lord proprietary and all the freemen of  
 this Province were personally present and did assent to and  
 approve of the same Which Bill being read and passed by all  
 the Gentlemen and freemen present they did consent it should  
 be underwritten by the Secretary in these words.

[The freemen have assented to this Bill  
 that it be engrossed and published under  
 the great Seale]

Then the Leiutenant Generall Leonard Calvert Esq. being  
 demanded by the Secretary whether he did assent to the said  
 bill for and in the name of the Lord Proprietarie; answered  
 yea, and willed that his assent should be underwritten to it in  
 these words

[The Leiutenant Generall in the behalf of the  
 Lord proprietarie willeth that this be a Law]

And it was published under the great Seale the twelfth of  
 March 1638

At a sessions of Generall Assembly at St Maries on the 19<sup>th</sup>  
 March 1638 To the Honour of God and the wellfare of this  
 province was Enacted as followeth

An Act ordeining certain Laws for the  
 Government of this Province

For the better Government of this province Be it Enacted and  
 ordeined by the Lord Proprietarie of the same of and with the