

PROPRIETARY RECORD BOOKS.

LIBER Z.

December 30, 1637, to July 23, 1644.
Original.

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Land Office Records, L. O. R., Liber No. 2, pp. 1-190.
Council Proceedings, Liber C. B., 1636-1657.
Assembly Proceedings, Liber M. C., 1637-1658.

THE ORIGINAL.

This is probably the second book of records of the Province. It is a folio, and was rebound in rough sheep after the year 1725.

The first few leaves have been stained by water, and the frequent handling of the book has defaced the entries on the earlier pages. The Secretary who kept the record left generous margins, so that where the leaves are damaged or deficient it is only in a line or two on any page. The pages after 30 are in good and perfect condition.

The volume is a daily record of transactions, but the chronology, occasionally, is not perfect. It consists of Warrants, demands for Debts and for Land, Proclamations, Commissions, Declarations, Letters, Council, Court and Assembly Proceedings, Wills, Inventories, Accounts of Administrators and of the Proprietor's agents, Assessments, etc., in fact, all the business of the Province seems to have been recorded in this book up to October, 1642.

The volume is divided into four heads or parts. For the first 87 pages, to September 21, 1638, there is no contemporary pagination; in this part occur the Demands, Warrants, Proceedings of the first Assembly of which we have a record, etc. The second part begins with 3 pages of index to the succeeding 45 pages, which are numbered in a contemporary hand, beginning with p. 1, and contain a Record of Cases Testamentary, commencing October 23, 1638, and ending July 20, 1644. (There is but one entry of the year last named and but one for 1642/3.) The 6th page is blank; pages 7 to 26 are missing; the index, however, does not indicate any entries for these pages. Page 46 is blank, and pages 47 to 58 are missing; p. 59 blank. The third part begins with p. 60, which is an index to pages 61 to 90 (from 87 to 90 the leaves instead of the pages are numbered). The inventories which