

Bacon. II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Young, M^r Joseph Hill, M^r Benjamin Tasker, and M^r John Beale, or any Two or Three of them, be, are hereby authorized, empowered and appointed Commissioners to inspect into the several Decays and Defects of all the Records of the Land, Secretary, and Commissary's Offices, and to judge of the necessary Amendments and Reparations thereof, and to employ such Clerks, Book-binders, or other Persons, as appear needful to them, for the compleating and perfecting the Amendments and Reparations they shall adjudge necessary; and to contract and agree on the Behalf of the Public, with all such Persons by them employed in that Service, on the best and easiest Terms they can, for such Sum or Sums of Tobacco as they shall adjudge the Several Persons for their several Services may deserve, which Sums of Tobacco agreed on as aforesaid, shall be paid by the Public to the several Persons to whom the same become due.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That after the Expiration of Three Months, which shall first happen after the Reparations and Amendment of the Records aforementioned are made, according to the Design of this Act, and the true Intent and Meaning of such Agreement as shall be made by the Commissioners hereby authorized and required to make the same, it shall not be lawful for the Secretary, Commissary, their Deputies, Officers, or Under-Clerks, who shall have the keeping of the Land, Secretary's or Commissary's Records committed to them, to take upon themselves the keeping of any of the said Records, or to receive and apply to their Use any of the Fees, Profits or Benefits arising from their several Offices, until such Secretary, or his Deputies, or Commissary-General, have entered into Bond, with two good and sufficient Securities, in the Name of the Lord Proprietary, before two of the Justices of the Provincial Court (That is to say) The Secretary or his Deputies for the Land, Chancery and Provincial Records, in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money; and the Commissary for the Records in the Commissary's Office, in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money; all which Bonds shall be conditioned as follows, viz.

"The Condition of this above-written Obligation is such, "That if the above Bound whilst he shall continue in the "Office of shall at his own proper Cost and Charge, "find a Supply of good and sufficient Record-Books, necessary "for the entering up of all Matters and Things relating to