

A Declaration of the Laws of this Province now in force in the Year 1688.

1. Act for uncertain goods = If any goods be found they shall belong to the Proprietor and he or he
his assigns may just claims to any part or the whole for 3 years time past: He that shall have them against the
owner or his assigns to have our half for his pains.

2. Act against sudden accidents = All Commissions under the Proprietor's seal, shall so remain
until published under great seal: In case of the Proprietor's death, shall so remain
until the Council of State at St. Marys shall exercise the office.

3. Act touching lands purchased from Indians shall be void except there be a grant from the Lord Proprietor.

4. Act against certain offences touching the peace and safety of the Province = All Whippers or Persons who shall
practise or attempts without leave shall be punished by imprisonment during pleasure not exceeding one year,
whom the Court shall think fit: The same with force, punished with loss of hand or death, Confiscation
of goods and imprisonment during life.

5. Act against railing of money = No person shall be compelled to shift in 7 or 10 shillings, unless he
be a merchant or a trader in the Province = No person shall be compelled to shift in 7 or 10 shillings, unless he
be a merchant or a trader in the Province = Every person striking any officer, or person in the name of the Proprietor
with a drawn weapon, or striking a Magistrate in doing his office shall lose his right hand, or be imprisoned
for ever, or any other pains, all falls with his upon oath, or any kind of punishment imposed thereunto shall be
void and lose his right hand, or other corporal shame.

6. Act touching penalties on those who shall dispose of any Tobacco pipe and mark of any person or of any one what so ever
any false sale, to any party grieved and stand in the pillory two hours in front of Court, to be offered

7. Act concerning Negroes and other Slaves = All Negroes and other Slaves and Children of such Negroes, and
shall serve during their lives. Whatsoever free born woman shall intermarry with any slave, shall serve the Master of
the said woman during the life of her husband, and all the Children of such slave shall be servants as their father was: And
all the Children of such woman so married shall serve 30 years and no longer.

8. Act touching servants when free shall have a good cloth suit, a new shift of white linnen, one new pair shoes & stockings & a
new pair of 3 Barrels of Indian Corn. All women servants to have the like provision of clothes and Corn.
Every servant brought into the Province above 22 years of age without indenture shall serve five years. If between
15 and 22 years 6 years: If between fifteen and 18. Seven years. If under 15 shall serve till 22 years.

9. Act for 2^d of the Proprietor of this Province to be paid by every Master before he take out his patent for
any land to be made but by assembly, as also by his receivers to take Tobacco at 2^d pound for Lewis,
and other duties. This act to endure the life of our Deputie and Cacillius and our successors.

10. Act appointing Court days. St. Marys Baltimore and Dorchester County Court shall be hold 7th first Tuesday in
January, March, June for Orphans. And the first Tuesday in the month of Febrer, Somers, and
the first Tuesday in the month of June, for Orphans Court, 7th 3rd Tuesday in the month
for Kent.

11. Act touching the Law of this Country is silent: Justice shall be administered according to the Law & Statutes of England.

12. Act touching Coopers and Gages of Tobacco pipes. All Tobacco pipes that shall be made are to be 43 Inches
27 Inches in the head and not under 42 and 26 Inches. Other ways made the Cooper to be
any Cooper dwelling in any Inhabitant to set up his Casks shall set up one half of his Casks
of 30 or 7 other half by the 10th December. For every 200 unfinished the Cooper to forfeit 100.

13. Act for the Encouragement of Village: All money debts or other ways contracted except My D. & Co. or
the in the Province with their rates as followeth: viz Indian Corn shilled at 12^d or 18^d. Tobacco
at 4^s or 48^d. Tobacco of Bush. Salt at 2^d or 2^{1/2} Col. Bark 2^d 6^d - 30^d Tobacco. Peas at
the bushel. Pork at 2^d or 2^{1/2}. Tobacco Beef at 1^{1/2} or 1^{1/4}. Tobacco Bacon at 4^d or 4^{1/2}. Tobacco of
any is shorting: Pork & Beef to be 600 and 800 and Merchants and to be paid and received
in the Province Casks and Barrell of 32 gallons nearest of w^{ch} 32 to be allowed for tare.

14. Act touching Exchange of coins hitherto prohibited, the damages allowed by Act is 20^d Cent, over and above 7^d Cent
together with ordinary Costs of suits this to endure 3 years or to 7th next Spring.

15. Act for the Right of Justice. All Justice for the Province to be found by the Court, and
the Judgment of a Man, any hope or other kind of Justice in the manner than by the Court.