

An Act Concerning Proceedings att Law

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Whereas Severall differrences doe, arrise within this Province wherein there is noe Rule or Law provided in the Province whereby to determine such differrences and to leave much to discretion is to open a Gapp to Corruption for the avoyding such Inconveniencies Bee itt Enacted by the Lord Proprietary by and with the Consent of the upper and Lower house of this present Generall Assembly that in case where the Lawe of this Province is Silent Justice shall be administred according to the Lawes of England This acte to endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly.

An Act for the Quietting of possess^s
of Lands and establishing the manner
of Conveyances of Lands for the future.

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The Burgesses of this present Generall Assembly takeing into their serious consideracōn the great neglects of most persons in the infancy of this Plantacōn who either through the innocence or ignorance of the time have neglected to observe due order or legall course for the confirmacōn of such sales & alienacōns of howses and lands as have passed from man to man of which negligence some evill disposed persons takeing advantage have already raised divers suits at law and obteyned judgments to the disherison of the Heires and Orphans of divers purchasers who have deerly and bona fide bought and paid for the same for the said lands and many more by the successe of the former are encouraged to attempte the like doe humbly pray that itt may be enacted And be enacted by the R^t Honno^{bles} the Lords Proprietary by and wth the consent of the upper & lower howse of this present genāll Assembly th^t all persons whatsoever th^t either by th^m selves or by their Grantees or Assignes have held possessed occupied or Enjoyed as in his or their propper Right in Fee simple any howse or Lands within this province, whether by purchase and payment bona fide made Donacōn Copartn^{shipp} or bequest Whether by will written or vnwritten, by vertue of Lrēs of Adm^{con} haveing as Adm^{rs} paid beyond Assettes and appraised the Lands of the deceased & deliv^{ed} itt in the Inventory of the de^{cd} his Estate att or before the first day of this p^rsent genāll Assembly wthout disturbance, Lett, Suite or denyall legally made & p^rsented to Judgm^t in Some Co^{rt} of this p^rvince shall for eve^r after Enjoy the same wthout any lawfull Lett suite trouble or denyall by any after Claime of any p^rson or p^rsons whatsoever for or by reason of want of Formality in the Conveyance only or want of any Conveyance att all any Lawe Custome or vsage