

Acts and Orders of a GENERAL ASSEMBLY, &c.  
holden at *Patuxent*, the 20th *October* 1654, by  
Commission from his Highness the Lord Protector,  
&c.

1. The Act of Recognition.
2. *Arthur Turner* and *John Wade*, declared Burgeses for *St. Mary's* County, being returned in the Room of *Thomas Hatton* and *Job Chandler*, who were at first returned, but refused to serve in this Assembly, as being inconsistent with the Oath they had taken to Lord *Baltimore*.
3. Declaration, that every free Subject of the Common-Wealth, shall have Liberty to petition against Grievances, &c.
4. An Act concerning Religion.  
N. B. Hereby it was Enacted and Declared, That none who professed and exercised the *Po-pish* (commonly called the *Roman Catholic*) Religion, could be protected in this Province, by the Laws of *England*, formerly established, and yet unrepealed: Nor by the Government of the Common-Wealth of *England*, &c. but to be restrained from the Exercise thereof, &c. That such as profess Faith in GOD by JESUS CHRIST, though differing in Judgment from the Doctrine, Worship or Discipline, publicly held forth, should not be restrained from, but protected in, the Profession of the Faith, and Exercise of their Religion; so as they abused not this Liberty, to the Injury of others, Disturbance of the Peace, &c. *Provided* such Liberty was not extended to *Popery* or *Prelacy*, nor to such, as under the Profession of CHRIST, held forth and practiced Licentiousness.
5. Order, for the Inhabitants of *Herring-Creek* and the *Cliffs*, to pay Levy in *Ann-Arundel* County, now again called *Providence*.
6. *Patuxent* erected into a County.
7. Assemblies every three Years.
8. Public Levies.
9. An Act concerning Drunkenness.
10. Concerning Swearing.
11. Concerning false Reports, Slandering and Tale-bearing.
12. Concerning the Sabbath-Day.
13. Concerning Theft.
14. Concerning Fencing of Ground.
15. Concerning Adultery and Fornication.
16. An Act concerning a Register of Births, Marriages and Burials.
17. *Providence* County.
18. Concerning Ships or Vessels.
19. War with *Indians*.
20. Killing of Wolves.
21. Stealing of *Indians*.
22. Selling of Guns, Powder or Shot, to the *Indians*.
23. An Act for Discounting.
24. Weights and Measures.
25. County of *St. Mary's*, in *Potowmack*.
26. Concerning the Records.
27. Concerning the Militia.
28. Concerning Rights of Lands.
29. Concerning *Indians* Trespas.
30. An Act against Fugitives.
31. Delivering of Guns to *Indians*.
32. Concerning Planting Corn.
33. An Act concerning striking Officers, and other Offences.
34. Concerning the Secretary's and Sheriff's Fees.
35. An Act against Ingrossers.
36. An Act prohibiting Foreigners to hunt within this Province.
37. Acts repealed.
38. Accounts without Specialty.
39. An Act for all Servants coming into the Province without Indentures.