

Acts made att a Session of Assembly begun September the fifteenth 1663 and Continued by adjournment till September 6th 1664 by the Hon^{ble} Charles Calvert Esq^r

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An Act for the preservation of the Seuerall Harbours within
this Province

Whereas diuers persons as well the Inhabitants of this Prouince as Forreignors hither tradeing in Ships of great burthen as alsoe in other Smaler uessells haue hithertoo Customarely used to cast out of their said shippes and other uessells their ballast in such Creekes and Harbours where they Comonly Ride to take in their ladeing which Custome if not timely preuented and Redresse found therefore will in short tyme proue to the decay of most of the Chiefest harbors in this Prouince Bee itt therefore Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary with the Consent of the Upper and Lower house of this present Generall Assembly That all persons whether Inhabitants or fforreigners here tradeing in shippes of great or Lesser burthen or any other uessell with a Deck that shall after the Publicacōn of this Act Cast out of their said shippes or other vessells any kind of Ballast into the Harbours or Creekes where they Comonly Ride and doe not Carry itt to the shoare and lay itt aboue high Water marke shall for every such default forfeite and pay two thousand pounds of Tobacco the one moyety to the Lord Proprietary and the other moyty to him that sueth to bee Recovered by accōn of debt or Informacōn wherein noe wager of Lawe Essoyne or protection to be allowed or admitted And Bee itt further Enacted that Every Master of a ship or vessell bound to take notice of this Act shall att the tyme of the Entry of his said shipp or vessell haue a Cobby of this Act delivered him by the Secretary for writing of which Cobby soe to be delivered as aforesaid The Secretary shall haue fieve hundred pounds of Tobacco out of the Publick Leauy paid this yeare and noe longer.

An Act Concerning Negroes & other Slaues

Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by the aduice and Consent of the upper and lower house of this present Generall Assembly That all Negroes or other slaues p. 29 already within the Prouince And all Negroes and other slaues to bee hereafter imported into the Prouince shall serue Durante Vita And all Children born of any Negro or other slaue shall be Slaues as their ffathers were for the terme of their liues And forasmuch as diuers freeborne English women forgettfull