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THE

# Statutes at Large;

BEING

A COLLECTION

OF ALL

# LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

FROM THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE,

IN THE YEAR 1619

PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO AN ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA,  
PASSED ON THE FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY ONE THOU-  
SAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHT.

VOLUME I.

By WILLIAM WALLER HENING.

"The *Laws* of a country are necessarily connected with every thing belonging to the people of it; so that a thorough knowledge of *them*, and of their progress, would inform us of every thing that was most useful to be known about them; and one of the greatest imperfections of historians in general, is owing to their ignorance of law." *Priestley's Lect. on Hist. Vol. I. pa. 149.*

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## ACT VIII.

*IT is also ordered*, That the warr begun upon the Indians bee effectually followed, and that noe peace bee concluded with them. And likewise that all marches which shall hereafter bee ordered and appoynted against them, be prosequed and followed with all diligence.

War to be prosecuted against the Indians and no peace made.

## ACT IX.

**FFOR** the better increase and multiplying of cattell in this colony, *it is thought fitt* that all the female increase of neate cattell bee with all care and diligence preserved and kepte. And that noe female kinde of cattell bee killed unlesse they bee such as are eyther past breedinge, or are likely to dye by some infirmity. And if any person or persons shall doe contrary to this acte they shall undergo such censure as the Governor and Councell shall thinke fitt to impose upon them.

Female cattle; not to be killed unless past breeding, or likely to die.

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## GRAND ASSEMBLY

HOLDEN AT JAMES CITY THE 21st OF FEBRUARY,  
1631-2.

[*From a MS.\* belonging to Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States, purchased by him with the library of Peyton Randolph, from his executors.*]

[*The MS. from which the acts of this session were printed, is now in the library of Congress at Washington.*]

PRESENT Sir John Harvey, Knight, Governor,  
&c.

Capt. Francis West,	Capt. Wm. Tucker,
Capt. John West,	Mr. Wm. Farrar,
Capt. Sam. Mathewes,	Capt. Rich'd Stevens,
Capt. Wm. Clayborne,	Mr. Henry Finch,
Capt. Natha'l Basse,	Capt. Thom. Purifye,
Capt. John Utye,	Capt. Wm. Peirce.

\* The peculiarities in the hand-writing of the acts of this session, are such as have been already noticed in the acts of the preceding session.

the measure and barrell deficient shall be broken or burnt. And for defective weights, it is ordayned that the offender shall be punished according to the statute in that case provided.

And defective weights.

**ACT XXXVII.**

*The 2d of March, 1631.*

*THE Assembly doth order and graunt,* That there be payd out of the generall levey unto Capt. Marshart's attorney in full for the carraiges for the ordinance, 1375 lb. of tobacco. And likewise in consideration of the good service done, by the sayd Captain Marshartt to this colony, and to relieve the necessities of his wife and children, the Assembly doth give as a gratuitie, to be sent unto her, 4500 lb. of tobacco, to be payd the next cropp.

Compensation to capt. Marshartt.

Also a donation to his wife & children.

**ACT XXXVIII.**

*IT is ordered.* That the Governor and Counsell, shall not lay any taxes or impositions, uppon the colony, their land, or comodities, otherwise than by the authoritie of the Grand Assembly, to be levyed, and ymployed, as by the Assembly shall be appoynted.

No taxes to be laid by the governor & council; but by authority of the Assembly.

**ACT XXXIX.**

*THE Assembly allowed of these publique chardges followinge, vizt.*

Appropriation law.

	lb. Tobacco.
Imprimis, to Capt. <i>Michaell Marshartt</i>	5875
Capt. <i>Mathewes</i> for the ffort	103000
Capt. <i>Peirce</i> he beinge to shew account - -	007351
Capt. <i>Sayre</i> and to shew the ac- count - -	1680
Doctr. <i>Pott</i> he beinge to shew the account - -	3400
Capt. <i>Osborne</i> for lead	0150
ffor <i>Buffe Coates</i>	0800
<i>Wm. Kempe</i> for shott	0100
Capt. <i>Mathewes</i> for Robt. Watch- ingsayle - -	0500
Summa Totalis	122856

## ACT LI.

To go armed  
to church

ALL men that are fittinge to beare armes, shall bringe their peices to the church uppon payne of every effence, yf the mayster allow not thereof to pay 2 lb. of tobacco, to be disposed by the church-wardens, who shall levy it by distresse, and the servants to be punished.

## ACT LII.

Obedience  
to superiors

NOE person within this colony uppon rumour of supposed change and alteration shall presume to be disobedient to the present government, nor servants to their private officers, maysters and overseers, at their uttermost perills.

## ACT LIII.\*

Adjoining  
plantations  
to assist, upon  
alarms.

THE ioyninge plantations, to assisst the fronteires or their neighbours, uppon alarmns, the default to be severelie censured, and false alarmns punished.

## ACT LIV.

No hides to be  
exported.

*IT is ordered,* That no cowe hides, oxe hides, bull hides, goate skynes, deer skynes, or other hides, or skynes whatsoever, be sent or carryed out of this colony uppon forfeiture of thrice the value, whereof the one halfe to the informer, and the other halfe to publike uses.

## ACT LV.

Terms of the  
quarterly  
courts at  
James City.

*IT is established and appoynted,* That the fowre quarter courts shall be held at James-Citty yearlie, as followeth, vizt. uppon the first day of September, the first day of December, the first of March, and the first day of June.

## ACT LVI.

Commanders  
to exercise  
their men at  
stated

*IT is ordered and appoynted,* That the comanders of all the severall plantations, doe upon holy days exercise the men under his comand, and that the coman-

\* There is no act numbered LIII in the manuscript