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## ACTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JAN. 6, 1639-40\* (Concluded)

*And* whereas upon consideration of the repairing of the forte it was conceived by the Assembly to be a vain and fruitless endeavour in regard of the apparent decay of the foundation. It is therefore thought fitt that there be levied the next year by the Sheriffs two pounds of Tobo. p. poll for every tithable person towards the making and erecting of a plattforme at Point Comforte whereon to mount the Ordinance and also for the building of a convenient house for the sd Capt wch sd two pounds of Tobo. p. poll is to be paid by the Sheriffs to such Surveyor or officer as shall be appointed by the Governor and Council to oversee the worke.

*That* there be also levied the next year by the Sheriffs as aforesd two pounds of Tobo. for every tithable person throughout the Colony for and towards the building of a

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\*This is the second instalment of the Acts of the General Assembly, Jan. 6, 1639-40. The first instalment was published in the January, 1924, number of the William and Mary Quarterly. In William Tatham's Historical and practical essay on the culture and commerce of tobacco, published in London, 1800, pages 149 to 184, will be found some of the laws of this session, which the author undoubtedly copied from the same manuscript in the archives of the general court, afterwards used by Conway Robinson for making his copy. Tatham does not print all the laws, only those relating to tobacco. There is some variation in the names of the viewers of tobacco as printed by Tatham, and as copied by Robinson.

(19) of the misinterpretation of the  
 For the chosing of last warrt directed from the  
 Burgesses. Governor for the electing of  
 Burgesses have warned the In-  
 habitants out of their plantations not only contrary to the  
 privilege of the places but to the great inconvenience charge  
 and danger of the people inhabiting the sd places It is  
 therefore enacted for the redress of the like inconveniences  
 hereafter that upon any such occasion of choosing Bur-  
 gesses It shall not be Lawfull for any Sheriff or Sheriffs to  
 compell or warne the people inhabiting any plantation  
 which hath formerly enjoyed the privilege of Burgesses to  
 go out of the same place or plantation to give his voice to  
 any Ellection elsewhere.

(20) *It is thought fitt by the As-*  
 Presentmts to the Month- ssembly that all presentmts by  
 ly Courts. the Churchwardens be made to  
 the Monthly courts and that the  
 Commissioners of the sd court  
 do punish offenders convicted  
 upon such presentmts according to the nature and quality  
 of the offence so as the sd offences are not beyond the  
 power of the Commissioners to determine.

(21) *Whereas* the rights and inter-  
 ests of the Inhabitants are very  
 No hunting or shooting much in [?] by hunting and  
 in other Mens Devidents. shooting of divers men upon  
 their neighbours lands and devi-  
 dents Contrary to the priviledges  
 granted unto them by their pattents whereby many injuries  
 do daily happen to the great damage of the owners of the  
 land whereon such hunting and shooting is used. It is  
 therefore enacted that if any planter or person shall hunt  
 or shoot upon or within the precincts or Limitts of his  
 neighbours or any other Devident without leave first ob-  
 tained for his so doing and having been warned by the  
 owner of the land to forbear hunting and shooting as

*It is thought fitt and enacted*

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