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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

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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.

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VOLUME I.

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*'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 I.

*The 24th day of February was enacted this followinge  
Order for the Mynisters.*

*IT is ordered,* That there bee a uniformitie throughout this colony both in substance and circumstance to the canons and constitution of the church of England as neere as may bee and that every person yeald readie obedience unto them uppon penaltie of the paynes and forfeitures in that case appoynted.

Uniformity in  
the church.

## ACT II.

**THAT** the statutes for comminge to church every Sondag and holydays bee duly executed. That is to say; that the church-wardens doe levy one shilling for every tyme of any person's absence from the church havinge no lawfull or reasonable excuse to bee absent. And for due execution hereof the Governor and Councell togeather with the burgisses of this grand assembly doe in Gods name earnestlie require and chardge all commanders, captaynes and church-wardens that they shall endeavour themselves to the uttermost of their knowledge that the due and true execution hereof may be done and had through this colony, as they will answer before God for such evils and plagues wherewith Almighty God may iustlie punish his people for neglectinge this good and wholesome lawe.

Penalty for  
being absent  
from church.

## ACT III.

*IT is ordered,* That as many of the mynisters as convenientlie may, and one of the church-wardens at least, of every parish be present yearlie at midsomer quarter cort holden on the first day of Junne; and their to make their presentments uppon oath, togeather with a register of all burials, christnenings, & marriages, as likewise their accounts of all levyes, collections and disbursements as have beene or fallen out in their tymes concerninge the church affayres. And further that they choose church-wardens at the feast of Easter yearlie.

Ministers and  
church-war-  
dens to make  
presentments  
and return a  
register of  
deaths, mar-  
riages, and  
births; also of  
their levies  
and disburse-  
ments.



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 authority 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>Michael Marshartt</i>	5875
Capt. <i>Mathewes</i> for the ffort	103000
Capt. <i>Pcirce</i> he beinge to shew account - -	007351
Capt. <i>Sayre</i> and to shew the account - -	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>Mathews</i> for Robt. Watchingsayle - -	0500
Summa Totalis	122856

## ACT XLIV.

EVERY private planter's devident, shall be surveyed and layd out in severall, and the bounds recorded by the surveyor, and yf there be any petty differences betwixt neighbours about their devidents, to be decided by the surveyor, yf of mayne importance to be referred to the Governor and Counsell.

Lands to be surveyed.

Appeals.

## ACT XLV.

FFOR encouragement of men to plant store of corne, the prize shall not be stinted, but it shall be free for every man to sell it as deere as he can. And the reason hereof is contrary to the president of other countries, and kingdoms, for none are so poore heere, as that they may not have as much corne, as they will plant, havinge land enough.

Price of corn not to be limited.

## ACT XLVI.

ALL trade with the Savages prohibited, as well publique as private.

Trade with the Indians prohibited.

## ACT XLVII.

NOE man shall goe or send abroad without a sufficient party well armed.

Precaution as to being armed.

## ACT XLVIII.

NOE man shall goe to worke in the grounds without their armes, and a centinell upon them.

Arms.

## ACT XLIX.

THERE shall be due watch kept by night where neede requires.

Watch.

## ACT L.

NOE commander of any plantation, shall either himselfe or suffer others to spend powder unnecessarily, that is to say, in dringing or enterteynments.

Powder & shot.