

At a Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis*, on the 16th Day of *September*, in the 8th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King WILLIAM the Third, &c. *Annoq; Domini* 1696, and ended the 2d Day of *October* following, were Enacted the following Laws.

FRANCIS NICHOLSON, Esq; Governor.

<i>A Supplicatory Act about the Commissary's Office.</i>	C H A P. XIX.	
<i>An Act for securing the Parochial Libraries of this Province.</i>	C H A P. XX.	Passed 2d of October 1696.
<i>An Act for speedy Justice for small Debts.</i>	C H A P. XXI.	REP. 1699, ch. 34.
<i>An Act relating to Bail to be taken by the Sheriffs in Action of Trespass.</i>	C H A P. XXII.	Ditto.
<i>An Act for the better clearing of the Roads, and directing all Travellers through the Province.</i>	C H A P. XXIII.	Ditto.
<i>An ACT for keeping good Rules and Orders in the Port of Annapolis.</i>	C H A P. XXIV.	Ditto.

FOR the better ordering and regulating the Inhabitants of *Annapolis*, as well in seating and building the same, as otherwise:

II. Be it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the several Persons in this Act mentioned, and their Successors, shall, and are hereby impowered and authorized to be Commissioners and Trustees, for the well ordering, and regulating, and propagating the said Port of *Annapolis*, as well to the Building and Inhabiting the same, as to the peaceable and quiet Living and Residing therein; as also restrain and prevent all Disorders and Disturbances, and also all Inconveniencies and Annoyances, with the Town and Port aforesaid, by any Trades, or Employments, or Callings, that may cause Annoyance or Inconveniency to the Inhabitants, *That is to say, viz:* His Excellency Francis Nicholson, Esq; the Honourable Sir Thomas Lawrence, the Honourable Nicholas Greenberry, Esq; the Honourable Thomas Tench, Esq; Major John Hammond, Major Edward Dorsey, Mr. James Saunders, and Capt. Richard Hill, or any Five of them, who are by this Act constituted, authorized and incorporated into a Body-Corporate, in Deed and in Name, by the Name of the Commissioners and Trustees for the Port and Town of *Annapolis*, to sue and be sued, to answer unto and be answered, in any Court of Record within this Province, touching or concerning any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, Debts, Dues or Demands, accruing or being the Right or growing due to or from the said Commissioners and Trustees of the said Port and Town of *Annapolis*, and Appurtenances in Right of the said Town and Port, and not otherwise. To which End, they are hereby impowered and required to meet together, within the said Port and Town, at such convenient Place and Time, as to them shall seem meet and convenient.

III. And, to perpetuate the Succession of such Commissioners and Trustees, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent of the said Assembly, that the Succession of the said Commissioners and Trustees shall be perpetual.