

clauses of Magna Charta, and was undoubtedly intended thus early as a sacred bill of rights, to guard against the growth of arbitrary power.

7th. In each chapter, the historian has carefully prepared compendious marginal notes, in well selected places, for the benefit of the reader who may on any particular occasion, desire to turn to the history, and the copious notes often found at the bottom of some of the pages, happily illustrate passages that seem obscure: and the extensive notes and illustrations at the end of the volume as an appendix, bring down to us the acts and proceedings of the distinguished personages in authority in the early history of the colony, and the measures springing from their political influence.

8th. The history has embraced a period from the first settlement of the colony in sixteen hundred and thirty-three, to the restoration in the year sixteen hundred and sixty. In it the people will find the germ and early dawning of liberty which influenced the conduct of our ancestors; and our lawyers, judges and statesmen, will be able to trace and examine to the root, our judicial, political and parliamentary history, which will be both entertaining and instructive. The organization and forms of proceedings at the first assembly, are amusing and well calculated to gratify persons who are studious of antiquity.

9th. The affairs of the colony and of the mother country at the time of the Bare Bone Parliament: and surrender by the little parliament of all their powers back again into the hands of Cromwell, on the 12th December 1653: The proclamation of Governor Stone in the name of the lord proprietor, which issued in May following, declaring Cromwell to be protector of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the dominions thereunto belonging, and admitting the government established by the Lord Proprietary to be subordinate unto, and dependent upon the government of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland, strictly charging and commanding all persons to conform and submit themselves with all due obedience and subjection to the government of the protector "and chief under God." The grant of a general pardon of all offences committed in the province as a further solemnity of the great event: The first act of recognition of Cromwell's powers: The ingratitude of