

levyed unto the Lord proprietarie and his heirs a Custome of five pounds of Tobacco for every hundred weight of Tobacco so shipped or to be Shipped and that no owner of any Tobacco servant Factor or Merchant attempt to Ship or export any Tobacco to be transported as aforesaid before such time as such owner factor or Merchant Shipping or attempting to Ship such Tobacco have made a true & perfect entry of the same in the booke of the Collector of the Lord Proprietary to be kept for that purpose and have satisfied the said five pounds of Tobacco for every hundred weight to be exported as aforesaid or otherwise contracted with or secured the Collector for the same upon pain of forfeiture of all Tobaccos w<sup>ch</sup> Shall be shipped or attempted to be shipped to the contrary hereof before such true and perfect entry made and such Custome satisfied Contracted for or Secured as before is limited & appointed

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Memorandum That at the first meeting of the Assembly on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1638 was Enacted and ordeined one Act as followeth

An Act For the Establishing the house of  
Assembly and the Laws to be made therein

Whereas The Kings Majestie by his Letters pattents hath given and granted full free and absolute power and authority to the Lord proprietary of this province to make and ordeine any laws appertaining to the state of this Province by and with the advice assent and approbation of the freemen of the same or of the greater part of them or of their Deligates or deputies and to that end to Assemble the said Freemen or their deligates or deputies in such sort and forme as to the said Lord proprietary should seem best By Vertue Whereof Severall writts or Summons have been directed to certain Gentlemen to appear personally at this Assembly and to the rest of the freemen inhabiting within the Severall hundreds of this Colony and the Isle of Kent to elect their delegates or deputies in their names and steeds to be present at the same and accordingly all the freemen of the said severall hundreds and of the Isle of Kent (some few excepted) have elected certain persons to that end and the same their Election have subscribed and returned upon record and their said Dellegates and Deputies are now assembled accordingly. Be it therefore Enacted and ordeined by the said Lord proprietary of and with the advice assent and approbation of the Freemen and of the delegates and deputies

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