

sembly" In the Preamble whereof Notice is taken That by the great distance between that Province and Great Britain It was Impossible to have Notice of the Demise of Queen Ann which happened in the August preceding till several Months were Elapsed during which time many Proceedings were had in the Court of Justice in the Province & Judgm.^{ts} &c Awarded on Sundry Writs & in her Matys name and by her Authority which by reason of the late Kings Accession which co.^d not be Notified were Lyable to be reversed by Writ of Error or otherwise. It is therefore Enacted That all Pleas &c Prosecuted to Judgm.^t since the Queen's Demise to the end of the then Session of Assembly shall be Effectual notwithstanding such Demise or the want of Jurisdiction in the Courts.

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This seems to be the only Act in the Collection of the Laws of this Province the least Apposite to the present purpose and at the time this Law was made the Governm.^t of the Province was in the hands of the Crown who had resumed it on Account of the Ancestors of the present Lord Prop.^{rys} being Papists.

The Act of 7 & 8 W. and M. Cap. 15. for Extending the Continuance of the Parliam.^t here to 6 Months after the Demise of the Crown does not extend to the Plantations.

Your Opinion is hereupon desired for the Information and Assistance of the Lord Prop.^{rys} Guardians.

1st. . . . With respect to the 2. Acts of Assembly herewith left and the Legality and Propriety of each Whether either and which of them is proper to receive the Assent or Dissent of his Lordships Guardians. [p. 61]

2^d. . . . Whether the several Acts of Assembly passed after the late Lord Prop.^{rys} Death but before it was Notified in the Province are therefore to be Considered as Null and Void for want of Jurisdiction in the Legislature there to pass the same or are to be Considered as Valid and Effectual & may properly receive the Assent of the present Lord Prop.^{rys} Guardians notwithstanding the late Lord was dead before they were passed.

[Endorsed on back:]

Case on the 3. Maryland
Laws herewith left
For your Opinion
M.^r Pratt
G^{as}

To meet the Speaker at the Attorney Generals House on Thursday 4.th June 1752. at 8. in the Evening

To Confer upon the two first Acts within mentioned and also upon the Short paper annexed

Hamersley