

Proprietors or principal governors, and their resident deputies or lieutenant governors.

The first proprietor and governor was William Penn, son of admiral Penn, see vol. II. p. 307; he carried over many quakers with him to that country; his patent included that part of new Swedeland, which lies on the west side of Delaware river, some part of the Swede settlements lay on the east side of the river, and is part of west New-Jersey. Mr. Penn continued two years in Pennsylvania, and upon his father's death returned to England, and left the government in the hands of Thomas Lloyd, with a council. Mr. Penn being esteemed a favourite of K. James II. was suspected to be a Roman catholick and jesuit in the assumed mask of a quaker, and upon the revolution K. William was advised to suspend his privilege of appointing a deputy governor for Pennsylvania. And

The crown appointed col. Fletcher, governor of New-York, to be also governor of Pennsylvania; but upon Mr. William Penn's vindication of himself, he was restored to his privilege of government, and appointed

Mr. Blackwell, his deputy or lieut. governor; he was succeeded as lieut. governor by Thomas Lloyd, Esq; upon his death

Mr. Penn appointed his nephew col. Markham his

ency; it is more eligible to err with the generality of Europe, than affectedly to constitute a peculiar British stile, which would be running from one inconvenience into another; the main intention is to produce an uniformity in the computation of time throughout the christian part of the world; the agreeing with the rest of Europe, ought to prevail over any argument deduced from the nicety of calculation.

Peter Deval of the Middle Temple, secretary to the royal society, drew the bill and prepared most of the tables under direction of the earl of Chesterfield, the first former of the design; and the whole was carefully examined and approved of by Martin Folkes, Esq; president of the royal society, and Dr. Bradley, his majesty's astronomer at Greenwich, who computed the tables at the end of the bill.