

Passed 3d
June 1715.

An ACT prohibiting the carrying of Liquors to the *Indian* Towns, or selling any Quantity of Strong Liquors to the *Indians*, to prevent Differences between them and his Majesty's Subjects; and to punish the Transporters of any Friend *Indian* or *Indians* out of this Province. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 139.*

Penalty on
Persons car-
rying Strong
Liquors to a-
ny *Indian*
Town, &c.

BE it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication hereof, any Person or Persons whatsoever, inhabiting or trading into this Province, that shall presume to carry any Liquors whatsoever, to any *Indian* Fort or Town, or within Three Miles of any such Fort or Town, and shall vend or dispose of the same to any *Indian* or *Indians* whatsoever, such Person or Persons shall forfeit the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, one Half thereof to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors towards the Support of Government, the other Half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

No Person to
sell to any *In-
dians* above
one Gallon of
Spirits, or a-
bove Five
Gallons of
Cyder, &c.
in one Day.

II. And whereas it is represented to this General Assembly, that of late several Disorders and Riots have been committed by drunken *Indians*: In order to prevent such like future Mis-feazances and Outrages; **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall, by himself or Servant, or otherwise, directly or indirectly, vend or sell to any *Indian* or *Indians*, in the Space of one Day, above one Gallon of Rum, Wine, Brandy, or Spirits, or above five Gallons of Cyder, Perry, Quince-drink, or Strong Beer; such Person or Persons, being convicted thereof, shall forfeit the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds of Tobacco to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the one Half thereof to be applied towards the defraying the County Charge, the other Half to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Penalty.

Persons rais-
ing, &c.
false Reports
concerning
the *Indians*.

III. And forasmuch as it is very observable and manifest, that sundry ill-disposed Persons, have oftentimes, by spreading Lies and false Reports, raised and fomented unaccountable Heats and Jealousies, between the *Indians* and his Majesty's Subjects of this Province; for the Prevention of the said ill Practices for the future, **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall, wittingly or willingly, raise, spread and utter, any false, feigned Stories or Reports whatsoever, tending to the Disquiet of the *Indians*, or making Feuds between them and his Majesty's Subjects of this Province, or shall endeavour by any sinister or unwarrantable Means whatever, to raise or create any Misunderstanding or Difference between his Majesty's Subjects and the said *Indians*; every such Person or Persons, convict of any such Offence or Offences, shall forfeit unto our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, the one Half thereof to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for defraying the County Charge, and the other Half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same, in any County Court within this Province; to be recovered as aforesaid.

Penalty.

This Act not
to extend to
Informations
given to Ma-
gistrates, &c.

IV. **Provided** that this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not be construed to extend to the Hinderance of any Person or Persons whatsoever, from relating or giving an Information to any Justice of the Peace, or to the Commander