

INDEPENDENT COMPANIES.

2. The Captain of each Independent Company shall receive Arms from, and be accountable to the Governor for the same, in the same Manner as the Colonel of a County. And the respective Men shall be liable and accountable to such Captain, in the same Manner as the Men in any Troop or Company in the County Regiment, &c. *Ibid.* §. 8.

See *Militia*, per Tot. *Musters*, per Tot. *Public Arms*, 7.

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1. Persons carrying any Liquors to any Indian Town, or within Three Miles thereof, and selling them to any Indians, forfeit 5000^{lb} Tobacco: One Half to the Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer. 1715, *ch.* 16, §. 1.

2. To prevent Disorders by drunken Indians, no Person shall sell to any Indians above One Gallon of Rum, Wine, Brandy or Spirits, or above Five Gallons of Cyder, Perry, Quince-Drink or Strong Beer, in the Space of One Day; on Penalty of 3000^{lb} Tobacco: One Half towards defraying the County Charge, the other Half to the Informer. *Ibid.* §. 2.

3. Persons raising, spreading, or uttering false Reports, to the Disquiet of the Indians, or by any sinister Means creating Misunderstanding between his Majesty's Subjects and the Indians, forfeit 500^{lb} Tobacco: One Half to the County Charge, the other to the Informer. Such Persons only excepted as shall give Information to the Magistrates or commanding Officers of the Militia, concerning such Differences. *Ibid.* §. 3, 4.

4. No Persons shall buy Guns or Match-Coats from Indians for Liquor, nor take any Pawns from them for Liquor; on Pain of returning such Guns, Match-Coats, or Pawns, and losing the Price of the Liquors. *Ibid.* §. 5.

5. Persons taking, enticing, surprizing, selling, or transporting any Friend Indian, or attempting to do so, without Licence from the Governor; and all Accessories thereto, shall be fined and imprisoned at the Discretion of the Governor and Council, who shall give such Satisfaction to the Informers against such Offenders as they shall think fit. *Ibid.* §. 6.

6. Neighbouring Indians, apprehending and bringing any Runaway Servants or Slaves before a Magistrate, shall have a Match-Coat, or the Value thereof, to be paid by the County wherein apprehended. And such Runaway, if not a Slave, shall reimburse the County by Servitude or otherwise, as the Justices shall think fit. 1715, *ch.* 44, §. 7.

7. Any Justice of the Provincial or County Court may hear and determine all Manner of private and personal Controversies between the English and Indians, not exceeding the Value of 20s. Sterling. And in case of either Party refusing to perform the Judgment given, may seize any Goods of the Offender, and thereout make full Satisfaction to the Party wronged, returning the Overplus to the Owner. 1717, *ch.* 14.

8. Indians may kill Deer within the Time prohibited in this Act for private Use only, and not for Sale. 1730, *ch.* 17, §. 4. See *Deer*.

9. The County Courts are impowered, on Petition, to determine, in a summary Way, all private and personal Controversies between Inhabitants and Indians, wherein the Value shall exceed 20s. Sterling; the Defendant being summoned, or voluntarily appearing, and to give Judgment thereon and award Costs. But, the Party against whom Judgment is given, may appeal to the Provincial Court, &c. 1756, *ch.* 9, §. 2 and 6.

10. The Constable of the respective Hundreds wherein any Indian Town lies, shall, before the 20th June yearly, go to such Town, and require from the Chief Indian, or Great Man of the Town, an exact Account of the Names, (both Indian and English) Sexes and Ages, of all the Indians belonging thereto; and shall make a fair List of the Men, Women, Boys and Girls, distinguishing each Sex and Age by differ-

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ent Columns; and shall deliver the same to the County Clerk, by him to be recorded. 1756, *ch.* 13, §. 2.

11. Such Great Man refusing or delaying to give such Account, the Constable shall inform the Chief Justice of the County, who shall issue his Warrant to apprehend and bring such Chief Indian before him: And, if he do not give a satisfactory Reason for such Refusal, &c. the said Justice shall commit such Indian to Prison until he give such Account, and pay Commitment Fees. *Ibid.*

12. Any Indian having occasion to go from the Town to which he or she belongs, shall apply to some Magistrate of that County, who shall give a Pass, without Fee, expressing the Indian's Name, Description, &c. under the County Seal. Any Indian, discovered without such Pass, Ten Miles distant from the Town to which he or she belongs, may be seized and carried before the next County Magistrate, who shall commit such Indian until it be made appear to him to what Town such Indian properly belongs. And when it shall appear that such Indian doth belong to some Town in this Province, or is in Alliance with his Majesty's Subjects in America, then such Indian shall be discharged, on the Justice's Warrant; and the Sheriff's Commitment Fees be assessed in the Public Levy. *Ibid.* §. 3.

13. But nothing in this Act shall restrain Indians of the Six Nations from travelling as Embassadors or Messengers, to the Governor of this Province. *Ibid.* §. 4.

14. Encouragement given to a Party of Cherokee Indians. 1758, *ch.* 1.

See *Deer*, 1, 3, 4. *Militia*, 9. *Negroes*, 20. *Runaways*, 4. *Wolves*, 2, 3.

INDIANS LANDS.

1. The Bounds of a certain Tract of Land, to the Use of the Nanticoke Indians, in Dorchester County, are settled, and the Lands confirmed to them, their Heirs and Successors for ever; to be held of the Lord Proprietary, under the yearly Rent of one Beaver Skin. 1704, *ch.* 58, §. 2.

2. But if the Indians desert the said Lands, then the former Grantees of Lord Baltimore may enter upon the same; nor shall any such Grantees be liable to the Payment of Quit-Rents for the said Lands, before they are in actual Possession thereof. *Ibid.* §. 3, 4.

3. Commissioners were appointed to lay out 3000 Acres of Land, on Broad-Creek in Somerset County, to the Use of the Nanticoke Indians. The Lands to be valued by a Jury, and the said Value to be paid to the Owners by the Public. 1711, *ch.* 1, §. 2.

4. The said Lands to be surveyed, laid out, and bounded; the Lines to be marked on Trees or other Land-marks, to perpetuate the same: And the Commissioners to return fair Certificates of their Proceedings to the Provincial Court, and Somerset County Court, to be therein recorded. *Ibid.* §. 3.

5. The Lands so laid out and paid for, to remain to the Use of the said Indians as long as they shall occupy the same; and afterwards shall be disposed of as the General Assembly shall direct. *Ibid.* §. 4.

6. Such Laying out and Payment, shall be a perpetual Bar against any Right, Claim or Interest, in the said Lands, derived from the Owners. *Ibid.* §. 5.

7. Commissioners to be appointed for re-surveying the Indians Lands, and ascertaining the Bounds thereof. The Commission to be in Force for Three Years, but the Proceedings and Determinations thereon to be perpetual. 1721, *ch.* 12.

8. The Nanticoke Indians shall have free and uninterrupted Possession of the Tract lying between the North-West Fork of Nanticoke River, and Chicacone Creek, as bounded by the Act of 1698, *ch.* 15, during such Time as they shall think fit to use and not totally desert and quit Claim to the same; nor shall they at any Time sell, or lease for Term of Years, any Part thereof. 1723, *ch.* 18, §. 2.

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