

## FLOUR AND BREAD.

2. No Flour shall be exported out of *North-East River*, but what shall be brought to the said Town, and there Viewed and Branded by such Officer, on Forfeiture thereof, or the Value: Half to the Informer, and Half to the Commissioners, for Maintenance of the Wharff, &c. *Ibid.* §. 10.

3. Flour deemed unmerchantable by the Viewer, shall not be branded, but marked with the Broad-Arrow; and the Viewer shall have the same Fee as for Branding. But the Owner may apply to the Commissioners for a Review, in which Case any of the Commissioners shall, at the Charge of the Complainant, issue Summons to Two or more indifferent Persons, to review the same. And if, in their Judgment, the same shall be Merchantable, the Officer shall raze out the Broad-Arrow, and Brand it, paying the Cost. But if his Judgment be confirmed, the Owner shall, besides Cost, forfeit One Shilling Currency per Barrel, to be applied as aforesaid. *Ibid.* §. 11.

4. Persons exporting Flour from *North-East River* which hath been marked with the Broad-Arrow, or which hath not been viewed and branded as aforesaid, forfeit 5s. Currency per Barrel; to be recovered and applied as above directed. *Ibid.* §. 12.

5. All Flour and Bread shipped off from *Charles-Town*, shall be Bought and Sold by the long Hundred; and the Store-keeper to be paid one Penny Currency per Barrel for Weighing and Invoice. *Ibid.* §. 13.

6. All Flour, Bread, and other Cask of Country Produce, intended for Sale or Exportation, shall be truly Tared on the Bulge, on Penalty of 1s. Currency: And for every Cask tared above 4<sup>lb</sup> more than its just Weight, the Owner shall forfeit 5s. Currency. *Ibid.* §. 14.

See *Gauge of Barrels*, 9.

FLYING from JUSTICE. See *Arrests*, 4.

FODDER-HOUSES. See *Negroes*, 38.

FOREIGN COINS. See *Coins*.

## FOREIGN DEBTS.

1. The Exemplification of Debts of Record, under Seal of the Court wherein Recorded, shall be sufficient Evidence to prove the same. 1729, *ch.* 20, §. 1.

2. All other Debts by Bonds, Bills, Accounts, &c. sent in to be put in Suit against any Person residing in this Province, shall be proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses, &c. before some Magistrate, in Presence of a Notary Public, who shall attest the same: At which Time the Creditors shall also be present, and make Oath before such Magistrate, in Presence of the Notary, That the said Debt, or any Part thereof (saying what the Creditor gives Credit for) is not satisfied, &c. which shall be sent, together with the Proofs, under Hands and Seals of the Magistrate and Public Notary. Which, if the Creditor neglect or refuse to perform, the Matter so certified by the Public Notary, shall not be received as Evidence. *Ibid.*

3. The Executor, &c. of any deceased Creditor, suing for any such Debt, shall in like Manner make Oath (for which see the Act) which shall in like Manner, be certified by the Public Notary, and sent into the Country, together with the Testimony of the Witnesses, &c. otherwise shall not be received in Evidence. *Ibid.*

4. Attorneys employed in such Suits, shall give Security, to pay the Defendant all Costs and Charges of Suit, in Case the Plaintiff shall be cast. *Ibid.* §. 2.

FORFEITURES. See *Fines*.

FORGERY. See *Inspectors*, 49.

## FORNICATION.

1. Every Person convicted of Fornication, in the Provincial or County Court, by Confession or Verdict, shall be fined 30s. Current Money, or 600<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco; and for Adultery 3<sup>l</sup>. Current Money, or 1200<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco, to be applied towards defraying the County Charge. 1715, *ch.* 27, §. 2 and 3. See below, Art. 5.

## FORNICATION.

2. Any Person entertaining or providing for any lewd Woman, or frequenting her Company, after Admonition of the Minister, Vestry or Church-wardens of the Parish, shall be adjudged a Fornicator or Adulterer, as the Case shall be, and suffer the Penalties by this Act appointed. *Ibid.* §. 1.

3. The Minister, Vestry and Church-wardens (where there is a Minister) or the Vestry and Church-wardens (where there is no Minister) before any Admonition by them or any of them given, in pursuance of this Act, shall cause Notice to be given to any Persons in their Parish by them suspected of Incontinency, to appear before them at a Time and Place appointed. And on their Appearance shall acquaint them of such Suspicion, and hear what Excuse they shall offer, &c. And if they do not appear according to such Notice, or appearing, do not acquit themselves, &c. then shall the Minister, &c. admonish them as aforesaid: Which Admonition, with Proof of their Cohabitation or frequenting each other's Company, contrary to, and after Admonition, shall be Evidence in any Court to convict such Persons, and subject them to the Penalties aforesaid. *Ibid.* §. 6.

4. Persons not appearing according to such Notice (on Affidavit of Notice given) shall be taken for a Proof of Incontinency, and shall be sufficient Evidence in Court to convict them. 1749, *ch.* 12, §. 5.

5. Every Free Woman convicted of Fornication, in any County Court, shall be fined 30s. Current Money. And in Case she refuse, &c. to discover (upon Oath) the Person with whom she committed the same, she shall be fined in a summary Way, the farther Sum of 30s. Current Money for such Person, together with Charges of Prosecution. But if she make such Discovery, then shall the Court proceed against such Person as in other Criminal Cases; and if convicted, he shall be fined 30s. Currency, together with all Charges of Prosecution. And all such Fines shall be applied towards defraying the County Charge. *Ibid.* §. 1 and 4.

6. In case of a Bastard Child, if the Woman refuse, &c. to discover as aforesaid, she shall, over and above the Fines aforesaid, be adjudged to give good Security to keep the Child from becoming a Charge to the County; or, for want of such Security, shall be committed. But, in case of such Discovery, the Beggetter shall give Security, and the Woman be discharged thereof. And such Delinquents, being unable or unwilling to pay their Fines and Charges, shall give Security to his Lordship for Payment thereof, within Twelve Months, or stand committed. *Ibid.* §. 2, 3.

7. So much of the Act of 1715, *ch.* 27, as relates to Corporal Punishment for Fornication, is hereby repealed. *Ibid.* §. 6.

FORTY per POLL. See *Hemp and Flax*, 2. *Ministers*, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9. *Vestry*, 28.

FOUR-FOLD. See *Thieving*, 2, 3, 4, 6. *Tobacco Inspected*, 6.

FOWLING. See *Sabbath-Breaking*, 1.

FOXES. See *Red Foxes*.

FREEDOM. See *Servants*, 12. *Manumission of Slaves*, per Tot.

## FREEDOM DUES.

1. Every Man-Servant, at the Expiration of his Servitude, shall have One new Hat, a good Suit, i. e. Coat and Breeches of Kersey, or Broad Cloath, One new Shirt, of white Linen, One new Pair of Shoes and Stockings, Two Hoes, One Ax, One Gun, of Twenty Shillings Price, to be delivered in Presence of a Magistrate, on Penalty of 500<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco on the Master or Mistress omitting so to do; and the like Penalty on the said Freeman selling or disposing of his Gun within Twelve Months: One Half to the King, the other to the Informer. 1715, *ch.* 44, §. 9.

2. All Women-Servants, at the Expiration of their Servitude, shall have a Waistcoat and Petticoat of new Half-thick or Pennystone, a new White Linen Shift,