

said City aforesaid, any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Town-Common
to revert to the
owners.

And be it Enacted by the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Land called the *Town-Common*, be reserved, and remain to the proper Owner or Owners, unless the Citizens can make it appear to have made Satisfaction for the same, the next Session of Assembly.

An Act for settling the Rates of Foreign Silver Coyns within this Province.

Inconveniences re-
medied by Procla-
mation.
By Statute.

Whereas Her Majesty having had under Consideration the different Rates at which several Species of Foreign Coyns do pass in her several Plantations, and the Inconveniences thereof, by the indirect practice of drawing the Money from one Plantation to another, did issue her Royal Proclamation bearing Date the 18 Day of June, 1704 For settling and ascertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coyns in her said Plantations, at Rates therein limited, and it being observed, that the said Proclamation did not procure the desired Effect, it was in the sixth Year of Her present Majesty's Reign by the Parliament of ENGLAND Enacted in an Act, entituled, *An Act ascertaining the Rates of Foreign Coyns in her Majesty's Plantations in America*, That no Person after the first Day of May, which shall be in the Year of our Lord 1709. account receive or pay any the several Species of Foreign Silver Coyn mentioned in the said Proclamation at any greater Rate than at which the same is thereby settled, without being Subject to the Pains and Penalties therein mentioned, by which it is conceived, that her gracious Majesty is desirous to restrain our Neighbouring Plantations under Proprietors from taking such Advantages as they have hitherto practised, against us under her immediate Commission and Government, in restraining them from advancing the Rates of Silver Coyns higher than in the said Proclamation is allowed, and allowing us to come up to the said Rates, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted, And

Rates ascertained.

To discharge all
Contracts made af-
ter May, 1709 &
Duties and Officers
Fees.

BE it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of May which shall be in the Year of our Lord 1709 the several Species of Foreign Silver Coyn mentioned in the said Proclamation shall pass and be current in this Province, at the Rates therein mentioned (that is to say) A Piece of Eight of *Sevil, Pillar and Mexico*, weighing Seventeen Penny half Penny weight, and of Four Shillings and Six Pence intrinsic value shall pass current at Six Shillings, and all other Foreign Coyn shall pass proportionably thereto according to their Weight and fineness (as by the Table hereunto added is set forth) for the Discharge of any Contracts or Bargains made after the said first Day of May, 1709, and likewise shall pass in Payments of all Duties and Impositions which is for the defraying the Charges of this Province, and all Officers Fees which by the Laws are Rated in Money. And in Regard there is at present little other Money in this Province than the Dollars commonly called *Dog-Dollars*, and they being near such weight and fineness, as that they would by the fore-mentioned proportion pass at *Four Shillings and Six Pence*, and the said Inhabitants of this Province being not so well acquainted with other Foreign