

*Acts of Assembly passed in March, 1755.*

enabled to carry into Execution their unjust Schemes upon his Majesty's Dominions, and against his Subjects, on this Part of the Continent: In order therefore, to prevent as much as in us lies for the Future, such Evil, it is prayed that it may enacted,

Bond to be given, that no Provisions or Warlike Stores be carried to the French.

II. *AND be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same,* That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, for and during the Continuance of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, within this Province, to export in any Ship, or Vessel out of this Province, any Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind or Denomination whatsoever, except for the necessary Use of such Ship or Vessel, without first entering into Bond to the Naval Officer of the Port where he or they shall clear out their Vessel, or Vessels, with good and sufficient Security, unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, in the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, Sterling Money of *Great-Britain*, with Condition to the same annexed, that he or they shall and will, land, deliver, and unload the said Ammunition, Warlike Stores, and Provisions, at some Port or Place within his Majesty's Dominions, and produce a Certificate thereof to the Naval Officer taking such Bond, within Twelve Months after such Exportation, (which said Naval Officer is hereby authorized and required to take such Bond, before he Clears the said Ship or Vessel), from the Chief Officer of the Customs of such Port, or if it shall be at a Port where there is no Officer of the Customs, then from the Chief Magistrate, that all such Ammunition, Warlike Stores, and Provisions, have been Landed accordingly: And in case any Person or Persons shall presume, contrary to the Tenor of this Act, to carry or transport, or cause to be carried and transported, in any Ship or Vessel, out of this Province, any such Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind or Denomination whatsoever, without giving such Bond as by this Act is required, such Person or Persons shall forfeit the full Value of such Ammunition, Warlike Stores, and Provisions, of what Denomination soever the same be, as also the Ship or Vessel transporting or carrying the same, with her Sails, Rigging, Anchors, Cables, Guns, Boats, and all other Materials to her belonging, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, for the Uses and Purposes in this Act herein after directed and appointed.

Penalty for carrying any by Land.

III. *AND be it further Enacted,* That in Case any Person or Persons within this Province, shall carry any Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind or Denomination whatsoever, out of the same Province, towards the Branches of the *Ohio*, or over the *Alleghany* Mountains, and the same sell, or dispose of, to the *French*, or other in Trust for their Use, or to their allied *Indians*, or any of them, such Person or Persons shall forfeit, and pay, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary for the Uses in this Act hereafter mentioned, double the Value of such Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind or Denominations whatsoever, together with the Horses and Carriages made Use of to convey or carry the same, contrary to the Tenor of this Act.

Forfeitures how recovered.

IV. *AND it is hereby Enacted,* That the several Forfeitures herein mentioned, shall and may be recovered in the Provincial Court of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, Information or Indictment, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance shall be allowed.

Onus Probandi.

V. *AND it is further Enacted,* That where any Person or Persons shall be sued or prosecuted by Virtue of this Act, the *Onus Probandi* shall lie