

to the great Vexation and Prejudice of the Inhabitants of this Province;
for further Remedy whereof,

II. 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 every Master of a Ship, or other Vessel, that shall, after the First Day of October next, import any Felon into this Province, who hath been, or shall be convicted of any Crime, shall bring a full Transcript of the Record of such Conviction, and the Proceedings relating thereto, under the Seal of the Court where such Conviction is, or shall be had, if there is any Seal of such Court; and if there is no such Seal, then under the Hand and Seal of the Clerk, for the Time being, of such Court, and such Transcript shall deliver to the Consignee of such convicted Felon, or such other Person or Persons, as shall have the Sale of such convicted Felon.

Every Master of a Ship, &c. who shall import any Felon into this Province, shall bring a full Transcript of the Record of his Conviction, &c.

III. And be it further Enacted, That any Consignee, or other Person, having the Sale of any convicted Felon, who shall be imported into this Province, after the said First Day of October next, shall, within Thirty Days after the Sale of any such convicted Felon, or within the same Time after his Discharge of any convicted Felon, deliver such Transcript, as aforesaid, to the Clerk of the Court of the County wherein the Purchaser of such convicted Felon shall reside, or in which such convicted Felon shall be put on Shore, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds Current Money; and the Clerks of the County Courts, respectively, shall, at the Expence of the Person delivering such Transcript, as soon as may be, carefully enter the Transcript in a Book to be provided and kept for the Purposes, and only the Purposes of this Act, and shall orderly insert the Name of such convicted Felon, and the Page in which his Transcript shall be recorded, in an Alphabet towards the End of such Book, under the Penalty of Five Pounds Current Money for every Omission, and a Copy of the Entry of such Transcript, under the Seal of the Court to which such Book belongs, shall be good Evidence, to prove any Person therein named as such a convicted Felon. Provided and declared nevertheless, That no other Mode of Evidence, which is legal or now used in this Province, shall be hereby excluded. And whereas, for want of due Care and Attention of Masters, convicted Felons who are imported, and held as Servants in this Province, frequently commit Murders, Robberies, and other Crimes and Offences.

And the Person having the Sale of such Felon, shall deliver the Transcript to the Clerk of the County where the Purchaser shall reside, under Penalty, &c.

III. Be it therefore Enacted, That every Inhabitant within this Province, who shall purchase any convicted Felon, imported after the said First Day of October next, shall, within Twenty Days after such Purchase, go before some Justice of the Peace of the County where such Purchaser shall reside, and shall before such Justice, who it is hereby declared shall take the same, enter into Recognizance to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, for the Time being, in the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current Money, with Condition thereto, that if such convicted Felon, naming him, or her, shall keep the Peace, and be of good Behaviour towards all his Majesty's Subjects, during the Time for which such convicted Felon was transported, or during the Time he or her shall continue in this Province, then such Recognizance shall be void: Which Recognizance, immediately after the Caption thereof, shall be delivered to the Person entering into the same, who shall, within Ten Days thereafter, deliver the same to the Clerk of the Court, of the County in which such Purchaser shall reside, under the Penalty of Twenty Pounds Current Money, for every Neglect to enter into such Recognizance, or deliver the same to the Clerk as aforesaid: And such County Clerk to whom such Recognizance shall be delivered as aforesaid, shall, as soon thereafter as may be, at the Charge of the Recognizor, enter the said Recogni-

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