

and with the Advice & Consent of the vpper & Lower Howses of this p<sup>r</sup>sent Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the Same That from and after the ffirst day of Ianuary next Comeing if any pson or psons whatsoever Inhabitant within this Province and having a Plantacōn Seated Shall and will by himsele or his Servants or any other by him Employed or hyred Cause or Procure to be tilled any Quantity of ground or Land vppon his or their Plantacōn aforesaid and therevppon Sowe any Lyneseed otherwise called fflax Seed or Hemp Seed and shall vppon Reaping the Cropp of Such Tilling and Sowing Cause the Said Cropp of flax or hemp to be Brakt Swingled & made Merchantable ffitt for Sale Such Person or Persons Inhabitants within this Province and having a Seated Plantacōn as aforesaid shall for those Two yeares after the said ffirst day of Ianuary next for his and their Encouragm<sup>t</sup> in Soe good a work demand have & Receive the Sume or Quantity of one hundred pounds of Tobacco for Every one hundred pound of hemp or fflax Soe by him or them Sowed Brakt Swingled or made Merchantable and fitt for Sayle or cawsed to be Sowen Brakt Swingled and made Merchantable and ffitt for Sayle as aforesaid and Soe proportionably after that Rate for any greater Quantity to be paid vnto him or them by the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Severall and Respective County Co<sup>rs</sup> and Reased out of the County Leavies of the Respective Counties where such fflax or Hemp shall be Sowen brakt swingled or made as aforesd Provided such Person or psons making such fflax or hemp as aforesaid shall by p<sup>r</sup>ducing the Same to the Comissio<sup>r</sup> of the Said County Courts or to any other pson or psons by them from Time to Time to be Appointed or by any othe wayes or meanes whatsoever Satisfie and make it appeare to the Said Com<sup>r</sup> of the Said Severall & Respective County Courts that he or they or his or their Servants have made or caused to be made any or Such Quantity of fflax or hemp not vnder one hundred pounds weight) and Soe brakt Swingeld made merchantable and ffitt for Sayle as aforesaid

Provided allwaies and it is the True intent & meaning of this Act that Such Person or Persons Inhabitant within this Province and keeping a Plantacōn and Cawsing Such fflax or Hempseed to be Sowen and Such fflax and Hemp to be made as aforesaid Shall notwithstanding the said Paym<sup>t</sup> of one hundred pounds of Tobacco for Every hundred pounds of fflax and Hemp made as aforesaid be att Liberty to make vse of sell and dispose of Such his or their fflax or hemp Soe made as aforesaid as he or they shall think fitt And to the intent that Every pson or psons Soe Sowing and making hemp and fflax as aforesaid may be the Rather Encouraged to Sow and make Considerable Quantities thereof it is hereby declared That noe pson or psons In-