

Lib. L. L. ince, or for the doing of any other thing in any the Courts of
 No. 1. Record within this Province for any matter or thing upon any
 suite or suits in Criminall Cases, but Sherriffs are hereby
 enjoyned to Execute the same Ex Officio, And every Sherriff
 offending herein shall forfeit the sum of one thousand pounds
 of Tobacco for every Offence, one half to their Majesties for
 the repair of that County Prison wherein they bear Office, and
 the other half to the Party grieved to be recovered by Action
 of debt bill plaint or Information wherein no Essoyn Protec-
 tion or wager of Law to be allowed. This to endure for three
 years or to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly which
 shall first happen.

June 2^d 1692

Assented to by the Councill Board.

Signed p Order

John Llewelin Clk

June the 2^d 1692

The house of Assembly
 have assented.

Signed p Ord

Hen: Denton Clk.

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An Act concerning the height
 of Fences.

Whereas divers people within this Province have and do
 make insufficient Fences about their Cornfields whereby cattle
 and horses are apt to go in and destroy their said Corn for
 prevention of which for the future Be it Enacted by the King
 and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice
 and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the
 Authority of the same That all Fences for Corn fields within
 this Province shall be five Foot in height round the Field
 suffic^t and strongly made in the Judgement of two indifferent
 men viewing the same in Case of Trespass, and in Case any
 horse or horses or other cattle shall happen to leap over such
 Fences as aforesaid or break it down being sufficient and
 strongly made as aforesaid, That then the owner of such
 horse or horses or other Cattle, shall be lyable to pay the
 Trespass, and in case the said horse or horses or other Cattle
 shall break into the Corn field a second time the owner hav^e
 had warning of the first before two Witnesses That then it
 shall and may be Lawfull for the owner of such Corn field by
 the testimony of two men to take the said horse or horses into
 some place where they may be secured untill the Owners
 thereof lay claym to the same and when so claimed by owners
 p. 83 of such horse or horses That it shall be Lawfull for the next
 Justice of Peace to award what damage he shall think fitt to
 the Complainant upon good proof to him made, and in case
 the said fences be not so high That then the Owner or