

An Act against Hogstealers and marking of
Hoggs.

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Be it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majestys by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly and Authority of the same That any person or persons whatsoever that shall kill any unmarked swine being above three months old except upon his own Land in any part of this Province or being in Company wth his own Hoggs shall be deemed and taken as a Hogstealer and suffer such pains and penalties as by this Act or any other Act is provided against Hogstealers and all the Inhabitants of this Province who have not already brought in their severall marks p. 91 of Hoggs and other Cattle and Recorded them according to the directions of a former Act intituled an Act touching Hoggs and marking of Cattle are required by this Act to bring in their severall marks of Hogs and other Cattle and cause them to be Recorded either in the County Court where the Party lives or in the Provinciaall Court of this Province wthin twelve months after the date of this Act or within twelve months after the assuming or taking any perticular mark under penalty of loosing the benefitt of the same And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the advice & consent aforesaid That if any person or persons whatsoever shall hereafter shall kill any Hogg or Hogs in the Woods as aforesaid and shall cutt off the Ears thereby to deface or otherwise to alt^r the marke shall be reputed as a hogstealer and that any person or persons that shall be reputed by Common fame Hogsteal^{rs} and have been formerly warned by the true owner of any Land whereon there is a Seated Plantation and Inhabited shall yet presume either with dog or Gun to hunt upon the same, he or they so warned, shall be lyable to pay the sum of one thous^d pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence, the one half to the King and Queen for the support of Government and Contingent uses thereof, the other half to the Owner of the Land to be recovrd in any Court of Record within this Province by Action of debt bill plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn Protection or wager of Law to be allowed And for the bett^r Executⁿ of this and all other good p. 92 Laws of this Province against offenders Be it Enacted that every respective County Court at the Courts to be held half yearly in March and November or oftner as need shall require at the discretⁿ of the Justices of each County shall by a Grand Jury enquire of all Offences committed against this and all other the good Laws of this Province And the sherriff of every respective County shall of course Empannell and return a Jury of Enquest at the said half yearly Courts to be held in March and November or oftner as need shall require as afore-