

An Act against burners of Fences.

Lib. L. L.
No. 1.

Whereas divers the Inhabitants of this Province have suffered much damage by the notorious evill practices of ill disposed and malicious persons burning their Fences, And whereas an Act of Assembly Entituled an Act against burners of Fences form'ly made, and from time to time continued hath been found of great use and benefit to the Inhabitants aforesaid for the abuses aforesaid Be it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same, that if any person or persons within this Province shall wilfully and Malitiously burne and destroy any Corne field pasture ground Orchard or other Fence whereby any the Inhabitants of this Province are harmed and endamaged the Person or Persons so offending being thereof Convicted by the Testimony of two Sufficient Witnesses shall suffer such penalytes or undergoe such Punishment as the Laws of England Provide against such Malitious Persons and Practices of that nature or make restitution to the Person wronged, by Paying treble the damages susteyned thereby as the Justices before whom such cases shall come shall determine

p. 109

June 2^a 1692

Assented to by the Councill board.
Signed p Ord^r John Llewelin Clk.

June the 2^d 1692

The house of Assembly
} have Assented.
Signed p Ord^r
Hen: Denton Clk.

An Act for the Preservation of the
severall Harbours wthin this Province

Whereas divers persons as well the Inhabitants of this Province as Forreigners hither to Trading in Ships of great burthen as also in other smaller Vessells have notwithstanding Laws formerly Enacted against the unloading of ballast in the Creeks or Harbours where they usually ride within this Province in contempt of the said Laws or by pleading ignorance of them notwithstanding the Secretarys of this Province were by the said Act obliged for the time ensuing the Publication thereof, to deliver unto every respective Master a Copy of the said Law for such fee or Reward as by the said Law was limited and allowed annually unloaded and Cast forth their ballast in such Creeks and Harbours where they usually ride to take in their loading to the great damage of the cheifest & most Eminent Harbours within this Province by reason of soe great number of ships as yearly in them do reside for preven-

p. 110