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Assented to by the Councill Board.

Signed p Ord^r

John LLewellin Clk.

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The house of Assembly
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Hen: Denton Clk.

An Act against Ingrosers
and Reqrators.

Forasmuch as hitherto no Law hath been made wthin this Province for restraining and prohibiting Ingrosing & Reqrating the undue and too frequent practice whereof hath been and is still highly oppressive and injurious to the greater part of the Inhabitants of this Province who by means thereof deprived and wholly prevented from the benefit of laying out their Cropps of Tobacco or any part thereof with the Merchant adventurer their factors or others bringing all sorts of Goods Merchandizes and Servants for the purchase thereof whilst a Covetous and active sort of People but few in number of the Inhabitants of this Province do buy and purchase all or most part of the Goods Merchandizes and Servants yearly
p. 180 brought into this Province (without consignment) for the Purchase of Tobacco And all be it they have not Tobacco of their own, whereby to pay for the Goods Merchandizes and Servants so by them from time to time bought and purchased, Nevertheless such is the necessity of the Province that within a few days after such purchase they can reqrate the said Goods Merchandizes and Servants and with small part of the Tobacco therewith purchased pay and Satisfy for all the said goods Merchandizes and Servants and be ready for another Market, thereby not only Enhancing the price of all Goods Merchandizes and Servants, but making severall returns in one Shipping Season and in the meantime the greater number of the Inhabitants of this Province are disabled & totally hindred from selling their cropps of Tobacco unless it be to and with the aforesaid hucksters or some or one of them at their own deer rates and prizes for the prevention therefore of so great a mischeif 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 by the Authority of the same, That whatsoever person or persons that from and after the Publication hereof shall Engrose or gett into his her or their hands or possession
p. 181 by buying contracting or promise taking within this Province any Goods or Merchandize whatsoever, or Servants to the intent to sell the same again wthin the space of six months and the same or any part thereof shall within that time sell again