

vants Imported into this Province at the age of sixteen years and upwards and shall be accompted Taxables, And all Slaves whatsoever, whether Male or Female Imported or born in this Province at or above the Age of sixteen years shall be accompted Taxables and so Rated, And that all freemen within this Province (Except Clergymen and such poor and Impotent persons that receive Alms from the County) shall be Taxables above the Age of sixteen years.

June 2^d 1692

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 against the Importation of Convicted Felons into this Province.

Forasmuch as severall Masters of ships Merchants Sailers and others having used to Import into this Province severall notorious Felons and Malefactors which in severall of their Majesties Courts have been convicted of Crimes and felony as aforesaid and afterwards procured by Masters of Ships Merch^{ts} Saylor and others out of the common Goales to Import into this Province and here to sell and dispose of such Felons and Malefactors as Servants to the Great prejudice and grievance of the Good people of this Province, for prevention whereof for the future Be it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the Advice & consent of this Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That from and after Publication hereof at every office and place where ships and Vessells shall be appointed to be Entred and cleared, The Clerk of such Office or person appointed for the clearing and Entry of ships and Vessells shall administer an Oath to every Master of a ship when he comes to Enter, That he shall declare whether any Servants on board his ship be Fellons Convicts as afores^d And if it shall appear by his Oath that they are such then the said Officer shall take good Security of the said Master not to sell nor suffer the same to be sold given or otherwise disposed of in this Province But shall Transport them and every of them out of this Province before he or his said Ship depart out this Province or in his own Ship when the same departs this Province And it is further Enacted by and with the Advice and consent afores^d That no Master of a Ship, Merchant Saylor or any other person whatsoever shall p^rsume to Import into this Province any such convicted Fellons or Malefactors whatsoever to sell pay give or in any other