

and also all such Horses and Mares, Cattle and Hogs, shall likewise be forfeited, one Half to the Informer, the other Half to be applied as aforesaid. Bacon

VII. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That whereas many Negroes and other Slaves, absent themselves from their Masters Service, and run out into the Woods, and there remain killing and destroying of Hogs and Cattle belonging unto the People of this Province; if that such Negro or Negroes, or other Slaves so out-lying as aforesaid, shall refuse to surrender themselves, making Resistance against such Persons as pursue to apprehend and take them up, being thereunto legally empowered, it shall be lawful to and for such Pursuers, upon such Resistance made, to shoot, kill and destroy such Negro or Negroes, or other Slave as aforesaid.

VIII. This Act to be Read at every County Court by the Sheriff, or his Deputy, on Pain of forfeiting Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Omission, to the Lord Proprietor; one Half to the Use of the County where the Omission shall happen, and the other Half to the Informer; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

An Act to punish Blasphemers, Swearers, Drunkards, and Sabbath-Breakers; and for repealing the Laws heretofore made for the Punishing such Offenders. Chap. XVI

Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person shall hereafter, within this Province, wittingly, maliciously, and advisedly, by Writing or Speaking, Blaspheme or Curse God, or deny our Saviour Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, or shall deny the Holy Trinity the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, or the Godhead of any of the Three Persons, or the Unity of the Godhead, or shall utter any profane Words concerning the Holy Trinity, or any the Persons thereof, and shall be thereof convict by Verdict, or Confession, shall, for the first Offence be bored through the Tongue, and fined Twenty Pounds Sterling to the Lord Proprietor, to be applied to the Use of the County where the Offence shall be committed, to be levied on the Offender's Body, Goods and Chattels, Lands or Tenements; and in case the said Fine cannot be levied, the Offender to suffer Six Months Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize; and that for the second Offence, the Of-