

to aid and assist in putting this Act in Execution and that any officer or officers putting this Act in Execution shall by Virtue hereof be saved and Kept harmless and indemnified from all Suits and Troubles whatsoever for and Concerning anything by them or any of them in Pursuance of and in Compliance with the said Proclamation and according to the Tenour thereof to prevent the Exportation of Grain and in putting this Act in Execution and that if any Action or Actions shall be Commenced against any such officer or officers he or they may Plead the Generall Issue and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence and that if a Verdict be given against the Plaintiff or that he be non suit or discontinue his Action that the Defendant shall recover Double Costs Provided Always that this or any thing therein Contained or in the said Proclamation mentioned shall not Extend or be Construed to Extend to prohibitt or restrain taking on board any Ship or Vessell any Grain or Provision whatsoever necessary for victualling such Ship or Vessell for its Voyage but that such Ship or Vessell may be furnished and victualled for its intended Voyage as if this Act had never been made any thing therein Contained to the Contrary notwithstanding. And Provided also that it shall and may be lawfull for any person trading into this province and not being an Inhabitant thereof to Export out of this Province any Wheat Indian Corn or other Grain really and bona fide laden and taken on board any ship or Vessell in Order to be Exported before the issueing of the said Proclamation and not belonging to any of the Inhabitants of this Province any thing in the said Proclamation or in this Act to the Contrary notwithstanding. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that when any Dispute shall happen concerning any Quantity of Wheat Indian Corn or other Grain which shall be alledged to have been laden or taken on board of any Ship or Vessell before the issueing the said Proclamation that such Dispute shall be heard and finally determined in a Summary way by three Justices of the Proper County not being of kin or affinity or Party Concerned in such Dispute or the Majority of such Justices and that the Onus Probandi shall lie on the person who had laden such Wheat Indian Corn or other Grain and that so much thereof not belonging to any of the Inhabitants of this Province as shall be sufficiently proved to the Satisfaction of the three Justices or any two of them if under Seisure shall be absolutely discharged. And be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that at any time upon Complaint made to the Naval Officer or other officer of the Customs of any Port Place or District where any Ship or other Vessell shall lye on board of which any Wheat Indian Corn or other Grain hath been laden since the issueing of the said Proclamation or for the sheriff of the County or any Justice of the Peace that such Ship or Vessell is on departing this Province and Exporting such Wheat Indian Corn or other Grain

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