

Session Laws Chapter V. An Act to prevent the Exportation of *Indian* Corn for the Time therein limited.

Preamble. Whereas, by the old Stock of *Indian* Corn being intirely exhausted, and a certainty of the shortness of the present Crop of the said Grain, it is apprehended by this present General Assembly, that there will not be a sufficient Quantity thereof made in the Province to answer the necessary Occasions of the Inhabitants; it is therefore prayed that it may be Enacted, and

No *Indian* Corn to be Exported from Nov. 20, to July 1, 1743. *Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, 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 from and after the Twentieth Day of *November* next, no *Indian* Corn shall be Exported out of this Province at any Time, until after the First Day of *July* next.

p. 8 *And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That all *Indian* Corn which shall be taken on board any Ship or Vessel, to be Exported out of this Province, from and after the aforesaid Twentieth Day of *November* next, until the First Day of *July* next, inclusive, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-three, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by the Naval Officer, Collector, or other Officer of the Customs, in the Port or District where the same shall be laden and put on board to be Exported, and as soon as possible exposed to public Sale; and moreover, that the Owner or Shipper of such Corn, so taken on board to be Exported, shall for every Bushel of such Corn so taken on board as aforesaid, in order to be Exported, forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Shillings Current Money of this Province, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, one Moiety of all, and every of which Forfeitures, shall be divided amongst the greatest Objects of Charity in the County where such Seizure shall be made, of which Objects, the major Part of the Justices of such County shall judge and determine; the other Moiety to the Informer, and Officer, or Officers, who shall inform, and seize the said Corn, and sue for the same.

The Owner of such Corn to pay 3s. for every Bushel so seiz'd.

Corn necessary for the Use of the Vessel, excepted. *Provided always,* That nothing herein contained shall extend, to restrain the taking on board any Ship or Vessel *Indian* Corn for the necessary Victualling such Ship or Vessel, during the Voyage, not exceeding Five Bushels for every Person belonging to, and on board such Ship or Vessel; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Masters of Vessels to swear to the Quantity of *Indian* Corn on Board. *And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid,* That every Master, or Skipper, of any Ship or Vessel shall at the Time of his or their Clearing such Ship or Vessel, make Oath to the Quantity of the *Indian* Corn he, or they, have on board such Ship or Vessel, before the Naval Officer or Collector, and which Oath the said Naval Officer or Collector is, and are hereby impow-