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their hands as they are by Law obliged to give in their Taxables, Liber H. S. and return two fair Lists thereof to every August Court with the Constables Lists one to be lodged with the Clerk of the County the other to be delivered, to the Sheriff, who is by this Act impowered and obliged to Collect the money aforesaid in, the same manner that the County Levy is collected; And if any Person or Persons shall conceal or deny that he she or they have property in or kept any such Dog or Dogs or hath or have permitted or Suffered the Same p. 543 to be kept as aforesaid and the Constable hath reason to believe the Contrary it shall and may be Lawfull for him and he is hereby Commanded to give in the name or names of the Person or Persons so offending or Supposed to have offended to some one Justice of the Peace of the respective County who is hereby authorized and impowered, directed, and required to Summon such Person or Persons at a Day and place by him prefixed and there to examine such Person or Persons touching such Complaint and upon its Appearing by Sufficient and disinterested Testimony to be True the said Justice shall give Judgment and grant execution if need be for the sum of twenty shillings for every Dog so concealed or denied belonging to or Continuing at the House of the said Party or parties ten days next before the Information of Such Constable with Costs one half of the said twenty Shillings to the Constable aforesaid the other half to be paid to the Sheriff of the County for the same Uses as the Tax raised by Virtue of this Act,

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when [Damage any Person or Persons within this Province shall have Sustained Damage by Dogs of any kind, age or Size, killing or Wounding his to be remeher or their Sheep it shall and may be Lawfull for him her or them to call in two Neighbouring Freeholders of good Credit not being related to the Person or Persons Injured who are hereby impowered to view the sheep so killed or Hurt, and if it shall Appear upon positive or Circumstantial Proof to their Satisfaction that they were killed or Wounded by Dogs only, then the said Freeholders shall Certifie the same with the True and real value of the Sheep or

Damages Sustained and the Number killed or hurt under their hands. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that when [Sheep kill'd ever any Sheep within this Province shall be killed or Hurt by any Dog or Dogs and it is known whose Dog or Dogs it was or were that did the Mischief if the owner or possessor of Such Dog or Dogs shall neglect or Refuse to kill the Same twenty four hours after notice given thereof or to make Satisfaction to the Person or Persons so injured, after demand made, it shall and may be Lawfull for the Person or Persons so injured to Get the value of the Sheep, or the Damages certified by two Creditable Freeholders as aforesaid whose Certificate shall be deemed and held to be Sufficient Evidence of the Fact Certified as aforesaid, and commence his, her, or their Action

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