

Liber R. G. Vexation and Prejudice of the Inhabitants of this Province for
1769 further Remedy whereof—
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[Every Master of a Ship, &c. who shall import any Felon into this Province, shall bring a full Transcript of the Record of his Conviction, &c.] Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same That every Master of a Ship or other Vessel that shall after the first day of October next import any Felon into this Province who hath been or shall be Convicted of any Crime shall bring a full Transcript of the Record of such Conviction and the Proceedings relating thereto under the Seal of the Court where such Conviction is or shall be had if there is any Seal of such Court and if there is no such Seal then under the Hand and Seal of the Clerk for the Time being of such Court and such Transcript shall Deliver to the Consignee of such Convicted Felon or such other Person or Persons as shall have the Sale of such Convicted Felon.

[And the Person having the sale of such Felon, shall deliver the Transcript to the Clerk of the County where the Purchaser shall reside, under Penalty, &c.] And be it further Enacted That any Consignee or other Person having the Sale of any convicted Felon who shall be imported into this Province after the said first day of October next shall within Thirty days after the Sale of any such convicted Felon or within the same time after his Discharge of any convicted Felon deliver such Transcript as aforesaid to the Clerk of the Court of the County wherein the purchaser of such convicted Felon shall reside or in which such convicted Felon shall be put on shore under the Penalty of Ten pounds Current Money and the Clerks of the County Courts respectively shall at the Expence of the person delivering such Transcript as soon as may be carefully enter the Transcript in a Book to be provided and kept for the purposes and only the purposes of this Act and shall orderly insert the Name of such Convicted Felon and the Page in which his Transcript shall be recorded in an Alphabet towards the End of such Book under the Penalty of Five Pounds Current Money for every omission and a Copy of the Entry of such Transcript under the Seal of the Court to which such Book belongs shall be good Evidence to prove any person therein named as such a convicted Felon—

Provided and declared Nevertheless that no other mode of Evidence which is Legal or now used in this Province shall be hereby excluded—

And Whereas for Want of due care and Attention of Masters convicted Felons who are imported and held as Servants in this Province frequently commit Murders Robberies and other Crimes & Offences—

[Every Inhabitant within this Province, who shall purchase any Felon imported, shall enter into] Be it Therefore Enacted That every Inhabitant within this Province who shall Purchase any Convicted Felon imported after the said first day of October next shall within Twenty days after such Purchase go before some Justice of the Peace of the County where such Purchaser shall reside and shall before such Justice who it is hereby