

C H A P.
XXXI.

Rangers shall
not take up,
&c. unmark-
ed Cattle un-
der 3 Years
old.
Penalty.

VII. **And forasmuch** as it is necessary to declare at what Age Horses, Mares and Cattle shall be deemed Wild; **Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That it shall not be lawful for any Ranger within this Province, to take up and mark, or otherwise dispose of, any unmark'd Horse, Mare, Bull or Cow, which shall not exceed the Age of Three Years, under Penalty of suffering as any other Person ought, that hath not such Commission; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Act to
be read in
November and
March Courts
yearly, in o-
pen Court,
&c.

VIII. **And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That the Justices in each respective County within this Province, shall, Yearly, and every Year, at their County Courts in the Months of *November* and *March*, during the Continuance of this Act, cause it to be read in open Court, and likewise give it in Charge to the Grand-Juries, to inquire of any Breaches thereof committed by Wood-Rangers in that County.

Penalty on
Persons ran-
ging the
Woods after
wild Cattle,
without Li-
cence from
the Governor.

IX. **And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That no Person whatsoever, shall presume to range in the Woods or Forests after wild Neat Cattle or Horses without a Licence from his Excellency the Governor in Chief, for the Time being, under the Penalty of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for every such before mentioned wild Creature that every such unlicensed Ranger shall kill, take, or convey away alive or dead; one Half to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government of this Province, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any Court of Record in this Province, wherein no Effoin, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Licensed
Rangers shall
not range,
&c. within
Islands, &c.
without
Leave of the
Owner, on
Forfeiture of
5000th To-
bacco for eve-
ry Beast
therein killed
or taken up.

X. **And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,** That if any Ranger or his Deputy shall presume to range, take up, or kill, any wild Neat Cattle, Horse or Mare, in any Island or Islands, Pasture, or other inclosed Grounds belonging to any of the Inhabitants of this Province, without the Leave of the Owner of the same, shall forfeit, for every Beast so taken up or killed as aforesaid, the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; one Half to his sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, towards the defraying the County Charge where the said Offence or Offences is committed, the other Part to the Party grieved, or to him, her, or them, that shall sue for the same; to be recovered as aforesaid.

Stallions that
have been
broke, found
out of Inclo-
sure, may be
taken up and
impounded,

XI. **And whereas** the extravagant Multitude of useles Horses, Mares and Colts, that run in the Woods, are found very pernicious and burthensome to the Inhabitants of this Province; it is thought necessary that some suitable Remedy be provided in that Behalf, and therefore, **Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, all Stoned Horses shall be kept within good sufficient Inclosures: And in case any Stoned Horse or Horses that have been taken up and broke fit for Use, shall happen to be found loose, and out of such Inclosures, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to take up and impound, or cause to be taken up and impounded, in some open Pound; and there to detain him, on the Risque of the Owner thereof, or cause him to be so detained, until the Owner or Owners of such Horse, having speedy and convenient Notice of such Impounding, shall satisfy unto the Person so impounding, or causing such Horse to be impounded, the Sum of Five Shillings, or Sixty Pounds of Tobacco.

and the Ow-
ner to pay 5 s.
to the Im-
pounder.

Stallions un-
broke, above
18 Months
old, found

XII. **And that** in case any Stoned Colt, above Eighteen Months old, or Stoned Horse unbroke, shall, at any Time after the End of this present Session of Assembly, be found loose in the Woods, or out of such Inclosure,