

C H A P.
XVI.

Term or Time of Two Years, to be completed from the End of the Appearance Court, and no longer; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XVII.

Passed 16th
June 1730.

An ACT for the Preservation of the Breed of Wild Deer. *Lib.*

L. N^o 5. fol. 370.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this General Assembly, that the Species of Deer hath of late Years been very much lessened, occasioned principally by the Inhabitants shooting, or otherwise destroying them, during the Time of the Female Deer being with Young; and which evil Practice, if not put a Stop to, may in few Years entirely destroy the Species of Deer, to the great Damage of the good People of this Province; For Prevention whereof, it is prayed that it may be Enacted;

Penalty on
Persons kill-
ing Deer,
(Friend Indi-
ans excepted)
between the
1st January,
and last of
July.

II. And be it 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 it shall not nor may be lawful for any Person or Persons within this Province, (the Indians in Amity with us excepted) from the End of this Session of Assembly, to the last Day of July, this present Year, and in every Year afterwards, between the first Day of January, and the last Day of July, to kill any Deer, under the Penalty of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Deer so killed, to be recovered before a single Magistrate, (as in Cases of small Debts,) by the Oath of the Informer, and to be applied, the one Half thereof to the Use of the Public School of the County where such Offence shall be committed, the other Half to the Use of the Person so informing.

Penalty on
Persons in
whose Custody
Deer's
Flesh is found
within the
Time before
limited.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person, in whose Hands or Custody any Deer's Flesh shall be found, that shall appear to have been killed between the End of this present Session of Assembly, and the last Day of July this present Year, and in every Year afterwards, between the first Day of January, and the last Day of July, shall be deemed, taken, and adjudged to be the Killer of such Deer, and liable to the Penalty aforesaid, unless such Person make appear before a Magistrate, who it was that really killed the same, or from whom such Person or Persons thereof possessed, received the same.

Indians not
to kill for
Sale, &c.
within the
Time afore-
said.

IV. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that the Liberty given to the Indians aforesaid, shall extend only to the Killing of Deer for their private Use, and not for Sale; and that it shall not be lawful for any Inhabitant within this Province, under the Penalty aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid, for the Uses aforesaid, to purchase any dead Deer, or any Part thereof, of any Indian or Indians, within the Time prohibited by this Act to kill Deer in.

The Act of
1729, ch. 21.
repealed.

V. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That an Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Tenth Day of July, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-nine, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Wild Deer*, be, and is hereby repealed, abrogated, and made null and void.

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