

any other person or persons Naturally born within this Province or of British or Irish descent may any way Lawfully doe Any Law Proviso act or Custome of this Province or other thing whatsoever had made ordained or done within this Province to the Contrary hereof in any wise Notwithstanding —

An Act prohibiting all masters of Shippes or vessells or any other persons from Transporting or Conveying away any person or persons out of this Province without passes —

Whereas Severall persons free men within this Province being indebted to the Inhabitants thereof have been by masters of Shippes and other vessells transported and by others by land conveyed out of this Province and also Severall servants who had time by the Customs of this Countrey (condition for wages or Indentures to serve) have been transported and conveyed away as aforesaid to the great & manifest damage of their Creditors and masters, The Delegates of this present Generall Assembly having seriously considered the Inconvenience thereby accruing to the good people of this Province doe pray that itt may be enacted And Bee itt enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly that from and after the Publication hereof any person or persons whatsoever who shall intend to depart this Province shall give notice of such his intended departure by setting up his name all the Secretaries office for the full space of three whole months and that if within that time no person shall underwrite the person respectively soe setting up his name as aforesaid it shall then be Lawfull for his Lordships Governour Chancellor or Secretary of this Province for the time being to signe a passe for any such person to depart this Province for which passe the party shall pay as aforesaid to the person signing the same the summe of two shillings six pence Sterling —

And Bee itt further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any master of Shipp or vessell or other person whatsoever that shall transport or convey out of this Province by Land or water any freeman being indebted by bill bond account or otherwise unto any Inhabitant without such passe under the hand of the Governour Chancellor or Secretary of this Province for the time being as aforesaid shall be liable to satisfy all such debts Inguagements & damages to the person or persons to whom such debts & damages respectively shall be due within this Province unless the same be otherwise satisfied in convenient time or that in one month he cause or procure such freeman to Returne againe into the Province whereby he may be liable to Justice here and every such person as aforesaid as shall transport or convey away ^{out} of this Province any servant or servants being servants here by condition for wages indentures or Custome of the Countrey shall be liable to pay and satisfy unto the master or owner of such servant or servants soe carryed away all such damages as hee or they shall