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An Act against Burners of fens

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Whereas divers of the Inhabitants of this Province have suffered much damage by the notorious evil practices of ill disposed and malicious persons burning their fens, and whereas an Act of Assembly entitled An Act against burners of fens formerly made and from time to time continued hath been found to be of great use and benefit of the Inhabitants aforesaid for the prevention of the abuses aforesaid Bee it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That if any person or persons within this Province shall wilfully and maliciously burne and destroy any Curo field pasture ground or chard or other fens whereby any of the Inhabitants of this Province are harmed and endamaged the person or persons so offending being thereof convicted by the Testimony of two sufficient Testimonies witnesses shall suffer such penalties or undergo such punishments as the Lawes of England provide against such malicious persons and practices of that nature or make Restitution to the party wronged by paying treble the Damage sustained thereby as the Justice before whom such cases shall come shall Determine

78<sup>30</sup>  
An Act Relating to the Seizure of Tobacco by the sherriff

Forasmuch as great Complaints have been made to the Delegates of this house of Assembly of the many and great Inconveniencies that have lately happened and doe dayly and for the future may happen & accrue to many Merchants Masters and other persons trading into or Inhabiting within this Province who have severall debts and fenns of Tobacco due unto them from severall persons in this Province who for Satisfaction of their said debts have paid away and delivered to their severall Creditors severall quantities and bills of Tobacco and such bills of Tobacco have been received marked and nailed by such Merchants Masters and others trading into and Residing within this Province as aforesaid and thereupon t

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