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No. 35
An Act against hogstealers & marking of hogs

Be it enacted by the King and Queen's most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly and Authority of the same That any person or persons whatsoever that shall kill any unmarked swine being above three months old except upon his own land in any part of this Province or being in Company with his own hogs shall be deemed and taken as an hogstealer and suffer such pains and penalties as by this Act or any other Act is provided against hogstealers and all the Inhabitants of this Province who have not already brought in their severall marks of hogs and other Cattle and Recorded them according to the Directions of a former Act intituled an Act touching hogs and marking of Cattle are Required by this Act to bring in their severall marks of hogs and other Cattle and cause them to be Recorded either in the County Court where the party lives or in the Provinciaall Court of this Province within twelve months after the date of this Act or within twelve months after the assuming or taking any particular mark under penalty of losing the benefit of the same And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice and consent aforesaid that if any person or persons whatsoever shall hereafter kill any hogg or hoggs in the woods as aforesaid and shall cutt of the Ears thereby to deface or otherwise to alter the marks shall be reputed as an hogstealer & that any person or persons that shall be reputed by Common fame hogstealers and have been formerly warned by the true owner of any Land whereon there is a seated plantation and Inhabited shall not presume either with Dogg or Gun to hunt upon the same nor they so forewarned shall be liable to pay the sum of one Thousand pounds of Tobacco for every such offence the one halfe to the King and Queen for support of Government and contingents upon thereof, the other halfe to the owner of the Land to be Recovered in any Court of Record within this Province by action of Debt Bill plaint or Information where in no Effoynd-

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