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An Act. for encouragement of such
persons as will undertake to build water-
mills ~

Dayly Experience shewing that the want of Water mills is
the true cause that Husbandry in tilling the Ground & for sowing of
wheat and Barley is but coldly prosecuted though the advantage
thereby in raising the stock of real Cattle be great, and for as much
as for the most part the places fitt for setting up of Water mills are
already in the hands of Persons under age or unable to be at
the charge of building a water mill, or else such as are
wilfully obstinate in forbidding and hindring such persons
as would purchase the said places fitt for building water-
mills and set them up to the Increase of Our Trade and
Navigation much to the Publick Damage of the Province.
Bee it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excell.
Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of this p. Gen.
Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the same, That
if any person or persons from and after the tenth day
of June next ensuing, shall desire to sett up a water
mill upon any land next adjoining to any run of
water within this Province, not being the proper Pos-
session or free hold of such person or persons, nor leased
to them, to the intent thereon to sett a water mill they
shall purchase a written L^o of their Maj.^{ty} Our L^o of Chan