

Impoverished in their stock and damaged in their  
corn fields to the ruine and destruction of the Inha-  
bitants and lesning of all sorts of Provision and for-  
as much as there hath been hitherto no Law Provided  
as a Remedy to restrain this growing and intolerable  
Grievance Be it Enacted by the King and Queens most  
Excellent Majest<sup>ies</sup> by and with the advice and consent of  
this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same,  
That every person that shall take up any Stead horse of  
any person or persons within this Province shall have  
two hundred pounds of Tobacco for reward for the same  
The taker up delivering said horse to the owner of the  
said horse and the owner thereof shall be obliged to cutt  
the same within six weeks after the delivery of the said  
horse under the penalty of four hundred pounds of Tobacco  
unless the said horse be fourteen hands high to be ad-  
judged by the next justice of <sup>Peace</sup> And that <sup>all</sup> Stallions of the  
said size shall be kept within a fence or the owners  
thereof shall be obliged to cutt the same within six-  
weeks under the penalty of four hundred pounds of  
Tobacco, And that all horse colts what soever be cutt  
for three yea<sup>rs</sup> together within one year after such colt  
is foaled, or else it shall and may be lawfull for any  
person what soever to kill them and that no freeman  
what soever not having Land within the County where  
lives