

tailed to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And forasmuch as by reason of the late Revolution, all Judicial Proceedings were impeded and hindered for above two Years last past viz. from the Year of our Lord 1690, to this present time, being the Year of our Lord 1692.

Be It Enacted and Ordained by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid and the Authority of the same, That the said Years shall not be accounted as Years included and meant in the Statute of Limitations for payment or demand of Debts, due by Bond Bill or Judgment, or in the Clause for the due returning of Certificates upon Warrants for Land granted, or Suing out of Patents for Lands according to the directions and Instructions of any of the Lord Balthazar's Conditions of Plantations, or in the Clause for taking out Patents for Lands contained in his Lordships Conditions of Plantations, but that in those and such like cases, the said Years of our Lord be passed by and not accounted for those Years thereby meant or mentioned.

*An Act against Ingrossers and Regraters.*  
1692. C. 64 - *Edw. King & Queen*

**F**ORASMUCH as hitherto no Law hath been made within this Province for restraining and prohibiting Ingrossing and Regrating, the undue and too frequent practice whereof hath been made, and still is highly oppressive and injurious to the greater part of the Inhabitants of this Province, who are by means thereof deprived and wholly prevented from the benefit of laying out their Crops of Tobacco or any part thereof with the Merchant, Adventurer, their Factors or others, being all sorts of Goods Merchandizes and Servants for the purchase thereof, whilst a Cloveteus and Active Sort of People, but few in number of the Inhabitants of this Province do buy and purchase all, or most part of the Goods Merchandizes and Servants yearly brought into this Province, (without Commission) for the purchase of Tobacco. And albeit they have not Tobacco of their own, whereby to pay for the Goods Merchandizes and Servants so by them from time to time bought and purchased, nevertheless, such is the necessity of the Province, that within a few days after such purchase, they can Regrate the said Goods Merchandizes and Servants and be ready for another Market, thereby not only enhancing the prices of all Goods Merchandizes & Servants & be ready for another, but making several returns in one Shipping Season, and in the meantime the greater number of the Inhabitants of this Province are disabled and totally hindered from selling their Crops of Tobacco, unless it be to and with the aforesaid Vintners, or some or one of them at their own dear Rates and Prices, for preventing therefore of so great a Mischief for the future, Be It Enacted by the King & Queens most Excellent Majestys by and with the Advice and Consent of this present general Assembly & the Authority of the same, that whatsoever person or persons, that from and after the publication hereof shall Ingross, or get into his her or their Hands or Possession, by buying contracting or promise, taking within this Province any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever, or Servants, to the Intent to sell the same again within the space of six Months, and the same, or any part thereof shall within that time sell again for ready Tobacco, or for Tobacco to be sent on Shipping happening at the time of such first Sale, or for Tobacco to be shipped for payment or clearing the payment of any Bill or Bills of Exchange, or for the use of the said Goods Merchandizes or Servants, with any person, or by the buying of this Act, or the same Goods Merchandizes or Servants shall export out of this Province, shall be accepted reputed and taken for a Regrater and Ingrosser, and shall suffer such pains penalties and forfeitures hereunto expressed, and Law Statute Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And Be It Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons from and after the publication hereof offend in any of the things before recited, and being thereof duly convicted, by confession of the party, or the Oaths of two Witnesses before one Justice of the Provincial Court, or the Justices of the County Courts for the time being where the Offences were committed, shall for his her or their first Offence have or suffer Imprisonment for the space of two Months without Bail or Mainprize, and shall also lose and forfeit the value of the Goods Merchandizes or Servants so by him or them bought or had, and if any person or persons