

for settling a Standard on English weights and measures.

The publication of this Law at furthest to provide all such Weights and Measures as are wanting, according to the direction of a former Law of this Province, Intituled *An Act for the providing of a Standard with English Weights and Measures in the several and respective County's within this Province*, So that the same do contain in each County twelve half hundred Weights, a quarter, a half quarter of an hundred seven pound weight, four pound, two pound, and one pound, together with three Stamps for the marking and stamping of Stilliards and Weights, the said three Stamps to be marked according to the direction of the aforesaid Act, and each County to be marked with the Letter K. and also Brass measure of Ell and Yard to be Sealed in England, and likewise a Sealed Bushel, half Bushel, Peck, and Gallon of *Windshester* measure, with a Gallon, Pottle, Quart, Pinte and half a Pinte of Wine measure, with three burnt Stamps for the wooden measures and three other Stamps for the Pewter measure, such person or persons so appointed, and procuring the same or what is wanting to make good the several Standards aforesaid, to be allowed and paid their charges and disbursements in the County Leavy for the same, to which Standard all persons whether Inhabitants or Foreigners, are to repair and bring their Stilliards with which they receive Tobacco yearly, and in every year to be tryed stamped and numbered, for which they are to pay to such person keeping the Standard aforesaid two Shillings for every time such Stilliards shall be tryed and stamped as aforesaid, and every person or persons shall have their Barrels which are to contain five Bushels at least, together with their Bushel, half Bushel, Peck, Gallon, Pottle, Quart and Pinte if they make use of the same or any of them in buying or selling by, shall likewise have them tryed and stamped at the Standard aforesaid, for which they shall pay for the Barrel one Shilling, and for all other measures six pence a piece, under the penalty of one thousand pounds of Tobacco to any person refusing or neglecting the yearly trying and stamping of his Stilliards as aforesaid, and the Sum of five hundred pounds of Tobacco to any person selling by any of the measures aforesaid refusing or neglecting to have them tryed and stamped as aforesaid, the one half of which Forfeitures to be to the use of the poor of the Parish in which the Offender shall dwell or reside, the other half to the Informer or Informers to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province &c. And if any person or persons shall refuse to pay any Tobacco by such Stilliards tryed and stamped as aforesaid, and shall thereby compel the Owner of the same to have them tryed over again within the year, if the Stilliards are true, such person so refusing or compelling as aforesaid, shall pay for the trying the same, but if not the Owner of the Stilliards to pay for the same, and if any person or persons having the keeping of such Standard as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to supply the defects of the same, as is before express, and also to provide a Standard where there is none, such persons so neglecting and refusing shall be fined two thousand pounds of Tobacco to the uses aforesaid, and be recovered as aforesaid &c.

An Act against Excessive Usury.

BE It enacted by the King & Queens most Excellent Majesty's by & with the Advice & consent of this present general Assembly & the Authority of the same, that no person or persons whatsoever within this Province, whether Inhabitant or Foreigner, upon any contract, shall from & after the end of this present Session of Assembly, take exact directly or indirectly for Loane of any Mony, Wares, Merchandizes or other Commodity's whatsoever, to be paid in Mony above the value of Six Pounds for the forbearance of one Hundred Pounds for one Year, and so after that rate for a greater or lesser Sum, or for a longer or shorter time, nor shall any person or persons whatsoever within this Province as aforesaid, from and after the time aforesaid, take directly or indirectly for Loane of any Tobacco's Wares, Merchandizes or other Commodity's for one Year, to be paid in Tobacco, or other Commodity's of this Province, above the value of eight pounds of Tobacco for the forbearance of one hundred pounds of Tobacco, and after that rate for a greater or lesser Sum, or for a longer or shorter time. And that all Bonds, Contracts, and Assurances whatsoever made after the time aforesaid, for payment of any principal Mony or Tobacco, Goods or Commodity's aforesaid, to be lent or covenanted to be performed, upon or for any Usury; whereupon, or whereby there