

there shall be reserved above the rate of six pounds in the hundred for Money as aforesaid, & above eight pounds in the hundred for Tobacco or other Goods and Commodities as aforesaid shall be utterly void, & that all and every person or persons whatsoever which, after the time aforesaid, shall upon any Contract to be made, take, accept, and receive by ways or means of any corrupt Bargain, Exchange, Chievezance, Shift or Interest of any Wares, Merchandizes or other thing or things whatsoever, or by any deceitful ways or means, or by any Engine or deceitful Conveyance for the forbearance, or giving day of payment, for one whole Year, of and for their Money, Tobacco, Goods or Commodities as aforesaid, above the Sum of Money or quantity of Tobacco aforesaid, for the forbearance aforesaid, shall forfeit and loose for every such Offence the treble value of the Money, Tobacco, Wares, Merchandizes and other things, so lent, bargained, sold, exchanged and shifted as aforesaid, the one half of the said Fine and Forfeiture to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and Queen their Heirs and Successors for the Support of this Government, the other half to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be Recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

An Act directing the manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates and Representatives to Serve in Succeeding Assemblies.

Nov 2^d 1704. c. 95

FORASMUCH as the Chiefest and onely Foundation and Support of any Kingdom, State or Common-Wealth is the Providing, Enacting, and Establishing good and wholesom Laws for the well Ruling and Government thereof, and also upon any necessary and emergent Occasions to Raise and Levy Money for the defraying the Charges of the said Government and Defence thereof, neither of which according to the Constitution of this Province can be made, ordained, established or raised, but by and with the Consent of the Free Men of this Province, by their severall Delegates and Representatives by them freely nominated chosen and elected to serve for their severall City's and County's in a General Assembly: And forasmuch as the safest and best Rule for this Province to follow in electing such Delegates and Representatives, is the Presidents of proceeding in Parliament in *England* as near as the Constitution of this Province will admit, the Governour, Council, and Delegates of this present General Assembly do humbly pray that it may be Enacted,

And **BE IT ENACTED** by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty's by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and by the Authority of the same, That for the future, when and as often as his Excellency the Governour of this Province for the time being shall upon any Accident and urgent Affair of this Province think fit and convenient to call and convene an Assembly, and to send Writts for Election of Burgeses and Delegates to serve in such Assembly, the Form of the said Writt shall be as followeth

William and Mary by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King and Queen Defenders of the Faith &c. To the Sheriff of
 County greeting, These are to Authorize and Impower you immediately upon Receipt hereof, to call together four or more Commissioners of your County, with the Clerk, who are hereby required to sit as a Court, and during their sitting, by Vertue of your Office to make or cause to be made publick Proclamation, thereby giving notice to all the Freemen of your said County, who have within your said County a Freehold of fifty Acres of Land, or a visible Estate of forty pounds Sterling at the least, requiring them to appear at the next County Court to be holden for your County at a certain day within a reasonable time after such Proclamation made for Electing and Choosing of Deputy's and Delegates to serve in your County in a general Assembly, to be holden at the City of *St. Mary's* the _____ day of _____ at which time of Proclamation aforesaid, the said Freemen so required to appear, or the major part of such of them as shall then appear, shall and may and are hereby Authorized and Required to Elect & Choose four severall and sufficient Freemen of your County, each of them having a Freehold of fifty Acres of Land, or visible Estate of forty pounds Sterling at the least within your County; and you shall give to each of them severally