

30 *for laying an imposition on several Commodities Exported out of the Province.*
no enter any Ship or other Vessel at aforesaid, and to make search for every such prohibited Goods as aforesaid, in such method and manner as in this Act is before mentioned and express, and if any person whatsoever being non Resident as aforesaid, shall put on Board any Ship or Vessel any beef, bacon or pork for which he or they shall not have a certificate as aforesaid, or that shall Ship on Board any beef or pork undried, nor being in Cask as aforesaid, such person or persons offending shall forfeit & lose all his her or their meats so Shipped as aforesaid, one half to his said Majesty and his Successors to the use aforesaid, and the other half to the Informer to be recovered as aforesaid.

And every Master of a Ship or other Vessel that shall willingly or negligently take on board his said Ship or Vessel any beef, bacon or pork contrary to the intent and meaning of this Act, being thereof Legally Convict shall forfeit & pay the Sum of five thousand pounds of Tobacco, one half thereof to his said Majesty or his Successors for the use aforesaid, the other half to the Informer or his heirs, or them that shall Sue for the same, to be recovered as aforesaid.

And for the better understanding what persons shall be adjudged non Residents, it is hereby Declared and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all persons whatsoever trading to and from this Province shall be adjudg'd, deem'd, & taken as non Residents not having a Seated Plantation of fifty Acres at the least whereon he or she with their Family (if any) have resided, for and during the space of one whole Year, and that within the time and term of twelve Months before any benefit claimed in and by vertue of this Act, or that hath, or hereafter shall have an Houle in some Port or Town as his or their proper Freehold being forty foot in length & twenty foot in breadth with two Brick Chimneys to the same, wherein he she or they shall have resided for and during the space of one whole Year as aforesaid, and that no such person or persons trading to and from this Province having Houses in any Town or Port within the same, whereby he she or they may claime any Benefit or Freedom in this Act given to the Inhabitants thereof, shall Have Hold or enjoy, such Benefit and Privilege as aforesaid any longer then he she or they or his her or their Family shall in such Port or Town actually inhabit & reside. Provided allways that it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that no Person or Persons whatsoever as shall trade directly from *England* hither be construed, deem'd, reputed, or taken as Foreigners, but that all and every such person to trading directly from *England* to this Province as aforesaid, have free Liberty in the Exportation of any Skins or Furrs whatsoever, or in the Exportation of any meat dried or undried equal with the Inhabitants of this Province, paying such Dury's and impositions for the said several and respective Commodities as this Law hath impos'd upon the Inhabitants as aforesaid and no more.

And Be it also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that one former Act of this Province, Intituled an Act for the laying an Imposition upon several Commodities Exported out of this Province, be and is hereby Repealed.

Provided allways, and it is the true intent and meaning of this Act, that no person or persons whatsoever having in any part Transgressed against the aforesaid Law during the time it was in force being as yet undiscovered or unprosecuted for the same, shall have and receive any benefit or advantage by the repeal thereof but that upon the prosecution or discovery of such person or persons so having offended as aforesaid, the said Law shall be pleadable in any Court within this Province, whereon any Plaintiff or Information shall be brought against any such person or persons as aforesaid, and Judgment thereupon by the Justices of the said Court given as the nature of the case shall require, in as full and ample manner as though the said Law at the time of the prosecution aforesaid were then actually in Force, any thing before mentioned or recited to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

An Act for the securing Persons Rights to Town Lands.

WHEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly that several persons of this Province and others, that have taken up Lotts in several Towns Lands laid out and Surveyed for Towns according to the directions of several Acts of this Province heretofore made, that is to say, one Law made at a
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