

for speedy Justice &c.

as defendant of a speedy recovery of the same, he shall and may by virtue of this Law recover the same in manner and form following, that is to say, when the Party Plaintiff Sues out his Writt against the Defendant he shall deliver therewith a true Copy of his Declaration against the Defendant to the Sherrif with the Writt, and if the Sherrif can serve the said Writt eight days before the day of the return thereof, and at the time of serving the same shall deliver the Defendant a Copy of the Declaration, the said Defendant shall and is hereby bound & obliged to come to a Tryal with the Plaintiff upon the Cause at the return of the said Writt without any Imparllance or Reference whatsoever. And it shall and may be Lawfull to the Justices of the severall County Courts before whom such matters shall be brought, to award Judgment against such Defendant upon his refusal or neglect to plead or answer, except in some very extraordinary Cases or Accidents at the discretion of the Justices, and for the ascertaining the allowances of the publick Levy of this Province and what each person has therein, and for recovery of the same the Sherrif of every County shall at the next County Court after the publick Levy or allowances comes to his hands deliver a Copy thereof to the Clerk of the County Court sign'd by him as a true Copy under the penalty of two thousand pounds of Tobacco for every time such Sherrif shall fail therein, to the use of the Vestry of the parish where the Sherrif dwells, and the Clerk shall make a true Copy thereof attested by him and set up at the Court House, that all persons having any allowance therein may take knowledge thereof, and the other part shall Record, under the penalty of two thousand pounds of Tobacco to the use aforesaid, which Fines and Forfeitures shall and may be recovered in any County Court by the Vestry as aforesaid, by Action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information, wherein no Esloyn Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

An Act for the Naturalization of John Edgar of Somerset County

Laws made in July 1696.

An Act for Satisfying and keeping Holy the Lords Day commonly called Sunday.

FORASMUCH as the Satisfying and keeping Holy of the Lords Day commonly called Sunday hath been, and is esteemed by the present, all the Primitive Christians and People to be a principal part of the worship of Almighty God, and the Honour which is due to his Holy Name.

BE IT ENACTED by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of the same, that from and after the publication of this Law, no person or persons whatsoever within this Province shall work or do any bodily labour or Occupation upon the Lords Day commonly called Sunday, nor shall command or wilfully suffer any of his her or their Children, Servants or Slaves to work or labour as aforesaid, (the works of absolute necessity and Mercy always excepted) nor shall suffer or permit any of his her or their children, servants or slaves, or any other under their Authority to abuse or prophane the Lords Day as aforesaid, by Drunkenness, Swearing, Gaming, Bowling, Fishing, Hunting or any other Sports Pastimes or Recreations whatsoever. And if any person or persons within this Province from and after the publication hereof shall offend in all, or any of the Premises, he she or they so offending shall forfeit and pay for every offence the Sum of one hundred pounds of Tobacco to the use of the poor of the parish where the said Offender or Offenders do dwell and reside, the said offences or any of them being done in view of any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate or other head Officer of any County, City or Town Corporate within this Province within their limits respectively, or being proved by the Oath of two or more Witnesses, or by Confession of the party offending before any such Magistrate, Justice or head Officer

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