

And BE IT ENACTED with the Advice and Consent of the same, that all Fences w^h or preserve Corn there plan^d Field well and sufficiently ing the same when an^y tle shall leap over or such ground, that th^e shall be liable to an^y judgment of two such persons as aforesaid amount to two hundred pounds of Tobacco or upwards, or if less, the owner of such beast or beasts to be convey'd before some one Justice of the Peace in the same County who is hereby empower'd to award such damages as he shall think convenient upon such evidence as shall be produced before him, any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas divers of the good people of this Province, have & do suffer much damages by the notorious ill practices of ill disposed and malicious persons burning fences, to the end therefore that so great abuses may be either restrained or punished,

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons whatsoever within this Province, shall willfully and maliciously burn, pull down or any ways destroy any Corn Field, Pasture or Orchard, or any other Fence or Fences whereby any of the inhabitants of this Province are or may be harmed or damnified, the person or persons so offending being thereof lawfully convicted by confession, or the testimony of two Witnesses, or one Witness and pregnant circumstances agreeable thereto, shall make restitution to the party grieved by paying of treble the damage sustained thereby, as the said justices before whom such matter shall come shall determine, or a Jury in such case shall award. And forasmuch as it often happens, that peoples Corn Fields are generally destroyed by the intolerable number of hories & mares that are usually suffered to run at liberty in the woods & other places, thereby going so wild that they are not onely prejudicial to most of the Neighbourhood, but also are of little or no use to the owners.

Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from & after the tenth day of March next after the publication hereof, when and as often as any horse mare or gelding or any other Beasts shall happen to get into any Corn Field, Wheat or Oat ground so inclosed with such a fence as is above mentioned, the owner of such ground as aforesaid shall be obliged the first and second time such beast shall get into such inclosed grounds as aforesaid to give notice to the owner or owners of such beast as aforesaid, & if the aforesaid owner of such Beast or Beasts shall neglect or refuse to restrain such beast or beasts from committing the like offence, it shall and may be Lawful for the owner or lawful possessor of such ground to shoot, kill or any ways destroy upon their said lawful possession such beast or beasts that shall commit such trespass the third time.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any the owner or owners of any such beasts as aforesaid, shall not be known to the party or parties grieved or damnified as aforesaid, he she or they so agrieved, shall and are obliged with two sufficient evidences to take notice of the colour, natural and artificial marks of any such beasts in writing, and the same to affix and set up at the most convenient place within the County where such damage as aforesaid shall happen to be done, for the space of one whole month, at the end of which no owner appearing, it shall and may be lawful for the party grieved to shoot kill or destroy upon his or their possession as aforesaid any beast or beasts as aforesaid, any Law Statute or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

AN ACT An Act for killing of Wolves.

BE IT ENACTED by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly & the Authority of the same, that every person that shall bring the head of a Wolf to any of the Commissioners or Justices of the Peace in any County within this Province, shall be allowed two hundred pounds of Tobacco from the County where the Wolf shall be killed, and that such Commissioner or Justice of the Peace to whom the

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