

inform or sue for the same to be recover'd by Action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information wherein no Eiloyne Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd.

And that the Master of any Ship or Vessel that shall willingly or knowingly take on board his said Ship or Vessel any Skins or Furrs as aforesaid for which the party or partys shipping the same shall not produce a Certificate as aforesaid being thereof lawfully convict shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Thousand pounds of Tobacco one half thereof to her Sacred Majesty her Heirs & Successors for the uses aforesaid the other half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same to be recovered as aforesaid.

And that the sev'ral and respective Naval Officers of the sev'ral & respective Ports may & are hereby authorized & impower'd when & as often as he or they shall think fit to enter into any Ship or Vessel trading to and from this Province or into any house warehouse or other building and open any trunk chest cask or fardle and to search to make in any part or place of such Ship or Vessel Houses or Buildings as aforesaid where such Naval Officer shall suspect any Furrs or Skins to be as aforesaid for which no account is given or duty paid as aforesaid, and upon finding any such furrs & skins unqualified for exportation as aforesaid them to seize and have condemn'd as by this Law is before directed.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the Advice & Consent aforesaid, that from & after the publication hereof as aforesaid all persons not being inhabitants of this Province exporting out of the same any Pork Beef or Bacon shall pay unto her Sacred Majesty her Heirs & Successors for the use in this Act before mention'd & exprest the sev'ral imposts following (that is to say) for dry'd Beef and Bacon twelve pence the hundred weight and so proportionably for any greater or lesser quantity, and for Pork & Beef undry'd twelve pence the Barrel each Barrel to contain two hundred weight, & that no undry'd Beef & Pork be exported out of this Province but in cask as aforesaid, which said sev'ral impositions shall be collected and gathered by the sev'ral & respective Naval Officers who shall be accountable for the same as aforesaid and have full authority to enter any Ship or Vessel as aforesaid and to make search for any such goods as aforesaid in such method & manner as in this Act is before mentioned and exprest.

And if any person or persons being non residents as aforesaid shall put on board any Ship or Vessel any Beef Bacon or Pork for which he she or they shall not have a Certificate as aforesaid, or that shall ship on board any Beef or Pork undry'd not being in cask as aforesaid, such person or persons so offending shall forfeit and lose all his her or their meat so shipp'd as aforesaid one half to her Majesty her Heirs & Successors to the use aforesaid, and the other half to the informer to be recover'd as aforesaid.

And ev'ry Master of a Ship or Vessel that shall wittingly or knowingly take on board his said Ship or Vessel any Beef Bacon or Pork contrary to the true intent & meaning of this Act being thereof legally convict shall forfeit and pay the Sum of five thousand pounds of Tobacco one half thereof to her said Majesty her Heirs & Successors for the use aforesaid the other half to the informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recover'd as aforesaid.

And for the better understanding what persons shall be adjudg'd non Residents, It is hereby Declared and Enacted by the authority advice & consent aforesaid, that all persons whatsoever trading to & from this Province shall be adjudg'd deem'd & taken as non Residents not having a seated Plantation of fifty Acres of Land at the least where he she or they 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 claim'd by vertue of this Act, or that hath or hereafter shall have an house in some Port or Town as his or their proper Freehold being forty Foot in length and 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 & from this Province having houses in any town or Port within the same whereby he she or they may claim 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 than he she or they or his her or their family shall in such Port & Town actually inhabit & reside.

Provided allways, and it is the true intent & meaning of this Act that no person or persons whatsoever as shall trade directly from *England* to this Province as aforesaid be deem'd contrived reputed or taken as foreigners but that all & every such person or persons so 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 dry'd or undry'd equal with the inhabitants of this Province paying such dutys & impositions