

positions for the said severall & respective Commodities as this Law hath imposed upon the inhabitants aforesaid and no more.

And be it also further Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that one former Act of this Province Intituled an Act for laying an imposition upon severall Commodities exported out of this Province be and is hereby repealed. Provided allways, and it is the true intent & meaning of this Act that no person or persons whatsoever having in any part transgress'd against the aforesaid Law during the time it was in force being as yet undiscover'd or unprosecuted for the same or under present prosecution for the same shall have & 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 wherein any Plaint or Information is or shall be brought against such person or persons as aforesaid and the Judgment thereupon given by the Justices of the said Court as the nature of the cause shall require in as full & ample manner as tho' the said Law at the time of the rendering such Judgment were then actually in force any thing before mention'd or recited to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

*An Act for encouragement of Tillage and Relief of poor Debtors.*

**B**E it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice & Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that every person or persons inhabitants of this Province who after the End of this Sessions of Assembly shall be indebted to any person or persons whatsoever inhabitants of this Province in any sum or sums of Money or quantities of Tobacco by Bond Bill Book Debt or Account or that shall have any Judgment or Judgments given & entred against them in any Court of Record within this Province shall and may be lawful for such Debtor or Debtors respectively to pay and discharge themselves from such Debts & Judgments when they have not the specie for which the said Judgments were given by the severall things following being of the growth & production of this Province, ( that is to say ) Beef in well season'd cask tared and the tare on the head sett merchantable and well saved at three half pence *per* pound, Pork in well season'd barrells or other cask tared and the tare on the head sett merchantable & well saved at two pence *per* pound, Bacon at three pence half penny *per* pound, dried Beef at three pence *per* pound, Wheat at three shillings & six pence *per* bushel, Oats at two shillings *per* bushel, Barly at two shillings *per* bushel, Indian Corn at one shilling & eight pence *per* bushel, Pease at three shillings and six pence *per* bushel, Beans at two shillings & six pence *per* bushel, and the prizes of the aforesaid Commodities shall be rated in Tobacco at the rate of one penny *per* pound as they are before rated, & the creditor & creditors of such debtor & debtors are by this Act injoyn'd & requir'd to accept and take such commodities or any of them of their debtor or debtors in full discharge of the said Debts and Judgments if tendered and paid at any one convenient place in the County.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent aforesaid, that in case any creditor or creditors who shall have Judgment or Judgments against any debtor or debtors and shall refuse to accept & take from his or their debtor or debtors such Commodities being of the growth of this Province as aforesaid in satisfaction of the Judgment or Judgments aforesaid but shall sue out Executions against the debtor or debtors upon the Judgment or Judgments aforesaid and imprison the debtor thereon, then it shall & may be lawful to & for the Sheriff in whose custody the debtor is, & such Sheriff is by this Act requir'd to receive & take of such debtor his prisoner the severall Commodities aforesaid or so many of them being of the growth of this Province as the said debtor or his prisoner shall offer to him to the full value of the debt & costs and shall forthwith set at large and discharge the said debtor from his imprisonment, and such creditor or creditors shall have no other Action against such Sheriff but for the Commodities so as aforesaid received paying to the Sheriff his Fees for taking the said Commodities.

Provided that this Act nor any thing therein contain'd shall be adjudged to extend to Merchants Adventurers who trade from *England* hither nor to the payment of any Bill or Bills of Exchange between Planters and Merchants, but in all such cases they shall be as they were before the making of this Act any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

This Act to continue for three Years & to the End of the next Sessions of Assembly after the three Years.

*An Act for the Relief of Creditors in England against Bankrupts who have imported any Goods into this Province not accounted for.*

**B**E it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the