

sent aforesaid, that no person commisionated as aforesaid shall depure any person as a deputy to range the woods and Forrests after Cattle & Horses as aforesaid & if such person be likewise approved of by the Justices of the County in which he is to range as a deputy.

And forasmuch as it is necessary to declare at what age horses mares and cattle shall be deemed wild. Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, that it shall not be lawful for any Ranger within this Province to take up and mark or otherwise dispose of any unmarkt horse mare bull or cow which shall not exceed the age of three years, any Law usage or custum to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, that the Justices in each respective County within this Province shall yearly & every year at their County Courts in the Months of *November & March* during the continuance of this Act cause it to be read in open Court and likewise give it in charge to the grand Jurys to inquire of any breaches thereof committed by wood Rangers in that County.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that no person whatsoever shall presume to range in the Woods or Forrests after wild neat cattle or horses without a lycense from his Excellency the Governour in chief for the time being under the penalty of five thousand pounds of tobacco for every such before mentioned wild Creature that every such unlicensed Ranger shall kill take or convey away alive or dead, one half to our Sovereign Lady the Queen her Heirs & Successors the other half to the informer or him or them that shall sue for the same by Action of debt bill plaint or information in any Court of Record in this Province wherein no elfoyn protection or wager of Law to be allow'd. This Act to endure for three Years and to the End of the next Sessions of Assembly which shall first happen after the end of the three Years.

An Act for Settlement of an Annual Revenue upon her Majestys Governour within this Province for the time being.

W Hereas by an Act of Assembly formerly made intituled *An Act for providing a support for the Lord Proprietary of this Province, and likewise a supply for defraying the publick charge of the Government*, it was by the said Act published and declared that from & after the first day of *September* then next ensuing there should be rated levied collected and paid to the said Lord Proprietary the sum of two shillings Sterling for every hoghead or quantity of a hoghead of tobacco which should be at any time hereafter shipped in any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province on condition that his said Lordship should receive his Rents and Fines for alienation of Lands in good sound merchantable tobacco when tender'd at the rate of two pence per pound for one moyety of the said imposition, the other moyety by the said Act raised to be imploy'd towards maintaining a constant Magazine & defraying other publick & necessary charges of the Government. And whereas former Assemblies upon strict inquiry made into the premises did find his said Lordship had not only been very deficient and at small charges & expences in maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid, but that this Province hath been obliged to defray all publick charges arising for the support of Government by way of an equal assessment upon the inhabitants thereof the several Proprietors in the aff're recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas also his said Lordship the aforesaid moyety of two shillings per hoghead under pretext of maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid (until the time of their late Majestys King *William & Queen Mary* taking this Province under their immediate Protection) did convert to his own use, to the impoverishing of the Country and defraud of the Publick, and being incapacitated of complying with what by the said Act for the said moyety of two shillings per hoghead is required.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice & Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that the said one shilling per hoghead for the defraying the charges of government aforesaid as well for such ships or vessels as have already clear'd before the making of this Act as for such remaining in this Province be rais'd levy'd collected and paid unto our Sovereign Lady the Queens most excellent Majesty her Heirs & Successors for the support of her Government for the time being in and over this her Majestys Province aforesaid and the Territorys to the same belonging for every hoghead and quantity of an hoghead of tobacco which hath been for and during the time aforesaid or which hereafter shall be at any time shipped in any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province or any the Territorys, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks or Places thereunto belonging as aforesaid.

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And

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1/2 per tithe upon Cor. Dic. to receive the said rents and fines for Alienations in tob. at 2 pence per lb. for Magazine

1/2 per tithe to the Queen and her Success. for support of her government of the Prov.