

for the space of one Hour or Whipping.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall prophanely swear or curse in any Court-House during the sitting of such Court and shall be thereof convict in form aforesaid he he or they so offending shall immediately forfeit and pay the sum of ten shillings to be levied as aforesaid to the use aforesaid or shall be set in the Stocks two hours.

Provided always that no person shall be prosecuted upon this Act for prophane cursing & swearing unless the same be proved & prosecuted within ten days after the offence committed.

And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid that every Justice of the Peace or head Officer before whom such conviction of swearing & cursing shall happen to be shall receive the forfeitures aforesaid & shall give account thereof at the time of the laying of each County Levy.

An Act against Ingrossers & Regraters.

FOrasmuch as the offences of forestalling ingrossing & regrating are found mischievous & prejudicial to the inhabitants of this Province

Be 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 whatsoever person or persons that from and after the publication hereof shall ingross or get into his her or their hands or possession by buying contracting or promise taking within this Province any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever or servants to the intent to sell the same again within the space of six Months and the same or any part thereof shall within that time sell again for ready Tobacco or for Tobacco to be paid the Shipping happening at the time of such first sale, or for tobacco to be shipped for payment or securing the payment of any Bill or Bills of Exchange or for ready Money or bills of Exchange to be drawn for payment of the said Goods Merchandizes or Servants with intent to avoid the penaltys by this Act hereafter provided & imposed on the said Goods Merchandizes or Servants that transport out of this Province shall be accepted repared & taken for an unlawful Ingrosser & Regrater & shall suffer such penaltys & forfeitures as are hereafter expressed any Law Statute Usage or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons from and after the publication hereof offend in any the things before recited and being thereof duly convicted by confession of the party or the Oaths of two witnesses before the Justices of the Provincial Court or the Justices of the County Courts for the time being where the offences were committed shall for his her or their first offence have or suffer imprisonment for the space of two Months without Bail or Mainprize and shall also lose and forfeit the value of the Goods Merchandizes or Servants so by him or them bought or had, and if any person or persons lawfully convicted as aforesaid of or for the second offence every such person or persons so offending shall have & suffer for his or their second offence imprisonment for the space of one half Year without Bail or Mainprize & shall lose double the value of all the Goods Merchandizes or Servants so by him or them bought or had as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons being lawfully convicted as aforesaid of or for the second offence & shall again offend the third time and be thereof lawfully convicted that then every person for the third offence shall be set in the Pillory in the City Town or in the full County where he shall then inhabit & dwell and lose and forfeit all the Goods & Chattels he or they have to their own use and also be committed to Prison there to remain during the term of one whole Year, the one moyety of all which Forfeitures to be to our Sovereign Lady the Queen her Heirs & Successors for the support of the Government of this Province and the other moyety thereof 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 within this Province wherein no Escoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd.

Provided that this Act nor any thing therein contain'd shall nor debar or be construed to debar or hinder any person or persons whatsoever within this Province by or out of any Goods or Merchandizes by him or them so bought or purchased as aforesaid to satisfy & pay unto any Work-man or Servant the hire or wages of him or them due for any work or service whatsoever.

An Act for stay of Execution after the tenth of May yearly.

WHereas many of the inhabitants of this Province are and have been exceedingly grieved & burthened by Executions laid upon them for tobacco in the Summer time when it is not possible for them to procure tobacco for the payment & satisfaction of their creditors by means whereof they are oftentimes kept in Prison a long
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