

*An Act prohibiting the inhabitants of this Province or any others from carrying liquors to Indian Towns.*

**B**E it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that from and after the publication hereof any person or persons whatsoever inhabiting or trading into this Province that shall presume to carry any Liquors whatsoever to any Indian Port or Town or within three Miles of any such Port or Town & shall vend or dispose of the same to any Indian or Indians whatsoever such person or persons shall forfeit the sum of five thousand pounds of Tobacco one half thereof to our Sovereign Lady the Queen her Heirs & Successors towards the support of Government the other half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd.

*An Act prohibiting Commissioners Sheriffs Clerks & deputy Clerks to plead as Attornys in their respective County Courts.*

**B**E it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that no person being in the Commission of Peace no Sherif or deputy Sherif Clerk or deputy Clerk of those Courts wherein they bear office shall plead as Attornys for or in behalf of any person or persons on penalty of forfeiting three thousand pounds of tobacco for ev'ry such offence whereof such offender shall be found guilty one half thereof to her Majesty her Heirs and Successors for the support of Government of this Province the other half to the informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recover'd in any Court of Record within this Province by Bill Plaint or Information wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd.

*An Act to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province to adventure their Ships & Vessels more freely abroad to impart Rum Sugar Negroes & other Commodities.*

**B**E it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same, that no Ship or Vessel built in this Province whereof all the Owners shall be actual Residents of this Province, and that no Ship or Vessel *English* or Plantation built purchast enjoy'd & held by Owners which are all Residents of this Province nor the Owners thereof shall be lyable to pay the duty of three pence per gallon for Rum imported in such Ship or Vessel mention'd in one Act of Assembly intitl'd *an Act imposing three pence per gallon on Rum & Wine and twenty Shillings per pole for Negroes for raising a supply to defray the publick charge of this Province and twenty Shillings per pole on Irish Servants to prevent the importing too great a number of Irish Papists into this Province*, nor to pay the duty of twenty Shillings for every Negro imported mention'd in the aforesaid Act, but from those dutys aforesaid and from the duty of three pence per Ton payable to the Governour of this Province for the time being shall be fully & clearly exempted, any former Act or Acts of Assembly to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that such owner or owners of such Ships or Vessels as aforesaid shall for entring & clearing pay no more but half so much Fees to the Naval Officers & Collectors with whom they enter & clear as other owners of other Ships not belonging to the inhabitants of this Province are lyable to pay, any former Act or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

*An Act to impower a Committee to lay assess & apportion the publick Levy of this Province of this present Year 1704.*

*An Act against excessive Usury.*

**B**E it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that no person or persons whatsoever within this Province whether inhabitant or foreigner upon any contract from & after the end of this present Sessions of Assembly shall exact or take directly or indirectly for loan of any Monys Wares or Merchandizes or other Commodities whatsoever to be paid in Mony above the value of six pounds for the forbearance of one hundred pounds for one Year and so after that rate for a greater or lesser Sum or for a longer or shorter time, nor shall any person or persons whatsoever within this Province as aforesaid from & after the time aforesaid exact & take directly or indirectly for loan of any Tobacco Wares Merchandizes or other Commodities for one Year to be paid in Tobacco or other Commodities of this Province above the value of eight pounds of tobacco for the forbearance of one hundred