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III.

Any credible
White Person
bringing the
Head of a
Wolf before
any Justice of
Frederick
County, and
making
Oath, &c.
such Magis-
trate shall
give Certifi-
cate,

and judge of
the Age,

and cut the
Ears and
Tongue.

II. And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That when, and as often as, any credible White Person or Persons, shall bring before any Justice of the Peace within Frederick County, the Head or Heads of any Wolf or Wolves, and make Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty GOD (or Affirmation if a Quaker) that the Wolf or Wolves, of which he, she, or they, produces the Head or Heads, was or were actually killed (or caught and killed, as the case shall happen) within the Limits of the aforesaid Frederick County, within Three Days next before the producing the same to such Justice, that then such Justice shall, and he is hereby obliged and directed, to give such Person or Persons, producing such Wolves Head or Heads, a Certificate for such Head or Heads so produced and proved as aforesaid, and in such Certificate to mention the Oath or Affirmation taken, and therein distinguish, which, or how many of the Heads, was the Heads of the Old or Young Wolves. And every Justice that shall have any Wolves Head or Heads brought before him by any Person as aforesaid, shall be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to judge of the Age of the said Wolf or Wolves, of which the Head or Heads is brought before him; and if such Justice shall believe the Age of such Wolf or Wolves to exceed Three Months, that then he shall distinguish it in his Certificate by the Words *Old Wolf*, or *Wolves*; but if he shall believe the said Wolf or Wolves to be under the Age of Three Months, that then he shall distinguish the same in his Certificate, by the Words *Young Wolf*, or *Wolves*: And that every Justice to whom any Wolf's Head is brought, and by whom a Certificate shall be given as aforesaid, such Justice is hereby obliged and directed, immediately to cut off the Ears, and to take out the Tongue, off and from the Head or Heads of such Wolf or Wolves, to prevent such Head or Heads from being a second Time carried before a Justice in order to obtain a Certificate.

Allowance on
such Certifi-
cate, 20 s.
for every old,
and 15 s. for
every young
Wolf's Head
therein men-
tioned.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person or Persons, who shall produce any Certificate as aforesaid, to the Justices of the aforesaid Frederick County, in November Court yearly, shall, for every Old Wolf's Head, be allowed the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and for every Young Wolf's Head, the Sum of Fifteen Shillings Current Money, to be by the Justices aforesaid, assessed and levied in the County Levy, Yearly and every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, together with the Sheriff's Salary for collecting the same; and be paid by the Sheriff to such Person or Persons as shall be entitled to the same as aforesaid.

Repeal of the
Act of 1713,
ch. 13, and
its Supple-
mentary Act.

IV. And be it likewise Enacted, That so much of an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for Killing of Wolves, Crows, and Squirrels*, made at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Twenty-seventh Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirteen, and the Supplementary Act thereto, so far as relates to the making an Allowance for any Wolf's Head, and that may thereby, in any Manner, affect Frederick County aforesaid, be, and is hereby declared to be repealed, abrogated, and made null and void.

Continuance.

V. This Act to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

^b Continued farther by 1754, ch. 3; 1757, ch. 20; and 1762, ch. 8.

C H A P. IV.

Passed 8th
June 1751.

An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for Punishment of Horse-Stealers, and other Offenders. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 528. EXP.

^c 1744, ch. 20, hereby continued for 3 Years, &c.

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