

Copies to be put
up.

of the County where such Note of Freight was Published as aforesaid, certifying the rate of his Freight and publication thereof, as aforesaid, under the Penalty of forfeiting forty Shillings Sterling to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

And the Collectors and Naval Officers shall at the Charge of the County where such Collectors and Naval Officers inhabit, procure Copies of this Law, for each Copy whereof the County Clerk shall have ten Pounds of of Tobacco, and no more, and affix the same in their Office or Offices on or before the Tenth Day of *December*, next ensuing under the Penalty of Forty Shillings *Sterling* to be for such Neglect forfeited and paid to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

An Act against excessive Usury.

BE it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour, Council and 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 and after the End of this present Sessions of this Assembly, shall exact or take, directly or indirectly, for loan of any Monies, Wares or Merchandizes, or other Commodities whatsoever, to be paid in Money, 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 and after the Time aforesaid, exact or 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 Pounds of Tobacco for one Year*, and so after that Rate for a greater or lesser Sum, or for a longer or shorter Time; and that all Bonds, Contracts and Assurances whatsoever, made after the Time aforesaid, for the payment of any Principal Money or Tobacco, Goods or Commodities aforesaid, to be lent or covenanted to be performed upon or for any Usury, whereupon or whereby there shall be reserved above the Rate of *Six in the Hundred for Money*, as aforesaid, or above *Eight Pounds in the Hundred for Tobacco*, or other Goods or Commodities, as aforesaid, shall be utterly void; and that all and every Person and Persons whatsoever which after the time aforesaid, shall upon any Contract to be made, take, exact and receive by ways or means of any corrupt Bargain, Loan, Exchange, Chievezance, Shift or Interest of any Wares, Merchandizes, or other thing or things whatsoever, or by any deceitful Way or Means, or by any Covin Instrument or deceitful Conveyance for the forbearance or giving Day of Payment, for one whole Year, of and for their Money, Tobacco Goods and Commodities aforesaid, above the Sum of Money or Quantity of Tobacco aforesaid, for the forbearance aforesaid, shall forfeit and loose for every such Offence the treble Value of the Money, Tobacco, Wares, Merchandizes or other thing so lent, bargained, sold, exchanged and shifted, as aforesaid, the one half of the said Fine and Forfeiture to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, for the support of this Government, the other half to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Esloyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

None to take more
than 6 per Cent. per
Annum. for Money

and 8 per cent. for
Tobacco.

All Bonds &c. for
more, void.

Offenders to for-
feit treble the
Value.