

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 unmark, Horse or Mare, Bull or Cow, which shall not exceed the age of Three Years, under penalty of suffering as any other Person ought, that hath not such Commission, any Law, Usage or Custom 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 and every Year, at their County-Courts, in the Months of November and March, during the Continuance of this Act, cause it to be read in open Court, and likewise give it in Charge to the Grand Juries, to Enquire of any breaches thereof committed by Wood Rangers in that County.

This Act to be read in the County Courts.

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 License 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 his Majesty, his 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, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any Court of Record in this Province, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or wager of Law to be allowed.

Rangers without License to be fined 5000^l. Tob.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Ranger, or his Deputy, shall presume to range, take up or kill any Wild neat Cattle, Horse or Mare, in any Island or Islands, Pasture, or other Inclosed Grounds belonging to any the Inhabitants of this Province, without the Leave of the Owner of the same, shall forfeit for every Beast so taken up or killed, as aforesaid, the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, the one half to his Sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, towards defraying the County Charge where the said Offence or Offences is committed, the other part to the party greived, or to him, her or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Islands and Inclosures exempt from Rangers

And whereas the Extravagant Multitude of useless Horses, Mares and Colts that run in the Woods, are found very pernicious and burthensom to the Inhabitants of this Province, It is thought necessary that some suitable Remedy be provided in that behalf; and therefore, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly, all stoned Horses shall be kept within good sufficient Inclosures; and in case any Stoned Horse or Horses that have been taken up and broke fit for use, shall happen to be found loose, and out of such Inclosures it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever to take up and Impound, or cause to be taken up and Impounded in some open Pound, and there to detain him, on the risque of the Owner thereof, or cause him to be so detained until the Owner or Owners of such Horse having speedy and convenient Notice of such Impounding shall satisfy unto the Person so Impounding, or causing such Horse to be Impounded, the Sum of Five shillings, or Sixty Pounds of Tobacco.

Multitudes of Horses &c. reduced by confining those that are stoned.

And that in Case any Stoned Colt, above Eighteen Months old, or Stoned Horse unbroke, shall at any Time after the end of this present Session of Assembly, be found loose in the Woods, or out of such Inclosure

and killing them if unbroke and loose