

any such Fort or Town, and 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 Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, towards the Support of Government, the other half to him or them that inform or sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And whereas it is Represented to this General Assembly, That of late several Disorders and Riots have been committed by drunken Indians, in order to prevent such like future Mis-feazances and outrages,

Be it Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the end of this present Sessions of Assembly, shall by himself or Servant, or otherwise, directly or indirectly, vend or sell to any Indian or Indians, in the space of one Day, above One Gallon of Rum, Wine, Brandy or Spirits, or above Five Gallons of Syder, Perry, Quince-Drink or Strong Beer, such Person or Persons being Convicted thereof, shall Forfeit the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds of Tobacco to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the one half thereof to be applyed towards defraying the County Charge, the other half to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Nor sold in Quantities to the Indians

And forasmuch as it is very observable and manifest, That sundry ill disposed Persons have often times, by spreading Lyes and false Reports, raised and fomented unaccountable Heats and Jealousies between the Indians and his Majesty's Subjects of this Province; for the Prevention of the said ill Practices for the Future,

Against Spreaders of false News about Indians

Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall wittingly or willingly raise, or spread and utter any false, feigned Stories or Reports whatsoever, tending to the disquiet of the Indians, or making Feuds between them and his Majesty's Subjects of this Province, or shall endeavour by any sinister or unwarrantable Means whatsoever to raise or create any Mis-understanding or difference between his Majesty's Subjects and the said Indians, every such Person or Persons convict of any such Offence or Offences, shall forfeit unto our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, the one half thereof to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the defraying the County Charge, and the other half to him or them that shall Inform or Sue for the same, in any County Court within this Province, to be recovered, as aforesaid.

Provided, That this Act or any Thing therein contained shall not be construed to extend to the Hindrance of any Person or Persons whatsoever from relating or giving an Information to any Justice of the Peace, or to the Commander in Chief of the Militia in any County within this Province, of any Difference they shall know or hear of betwixt any of his Majesty's Liege People and the Indians, or amongst the Indians themselves, or of any Cause of Suspicion of such Difference, whether signified by Words or Actions.

True News excepted.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for any of his Majesty's Subjects to buy or purchase from any Indian or Indians whatsoever, any Guns or Match-coats for Liquor, upon pain of returning to the Indian or Indians such Guns or Match-coats

Guns or Match-coats not to be purchased for Liquors.