

An Act Prohibiting all Masters of Ships or Vessels, or any other Persons from Transporting or Conveying away any Person or Persons out of this Province, without Passes.

BE it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication hereof, any Person or Persons whatsoever intending to depart this Province, shall first give Notice of his, her or their intended Departure, by Setting up his, her or their Name or Names at the Secretary's Office of this Province, and also at the Door of the Court-House of the County where such Persons reside at the Time of setting up such Name, as aforesaid, the full Space of three Months, that if in the Time aforesaid, no Person shall underwrite the said Person or Persons so setting up his, her or their respective Name or Names, as aforesaid, it shall be then lawful for the Governour, Keeper of the Great Seal or Secretary of this Province, for the Time being, upon Certificate thereof from the Clerk of the Provincial Court, and the Clerk of such County where such Name shall be set up, as aforesaid, to Sign a Pass or Passes to any such Person or Persons, to depart this Province; for which the Party shall pay to the Secretary for Signing the same, the Sum of *Two Shilling and Six Pence*, and to the Clerk of the Provincial and County Courts *Twelve Pence* each. And if any Person or persons, upon any sudden or emergent Occasion are necessitated to depart this Province, not having set up his, her or their Names at the Secretary's Office and County Court-House Door, as aforesaid, then such Person or Persons giving good and sufficient Security to the Governour, Keeper of the Great Seal, or Secretary, to discharge and pay all Debts, Dues and Demands whatsoever, due, owing or demandable from the said Person, to any of the Inhabitants of this Province, then the said Person or Persons may have a Pass, containing a Certificate of such Security given, for which shall be paid the same Fee, as aforesaid.

Persons intending to depart the Province, shall set up Notes.

And on Certificate may have a Pass;

For *Two Shillings and Six Pence*,

Or *Twelve Pence*.

Or may give Security on sudden Departure,

And have a Pass thereon.

And be it further Enacted, That any Master of Ships or Vessels, or other Persons whatsoever, that shall transport or convey out of this Province, by Land or Water, any Person, being indebted by Bill, Bond or Account, or otherwise, to any Inhabitant thereof, without such Pass or Passes under the Hand of the Governour, Chancellor or Secretary, as aforesaid, shall be liable to satisfy all such Debts, Engagements and Damages, to the Person or Persons to whom such Debts or Damages, respectively, shall be due, within this Province, except the same be otherwise satisfied, or that the Transporter or Conveyer away of such Person or Persons, procure such Person or Persons to return again within one Month after, whereby he may be liable to Justice here. And every such Person, as aforesaid, as shall Transport or Convey away out of this Province any Servant or Servants being Servants here, by Condition for Wages, Indenture or Custom of the Country, shall be liable to pay and satisfy to the Master or Owner of such Servant or Servants so carried

Persons conveying Debtors by Land or Water to satisfy their Debts,

Or Cause them to Return in one Month,

Persons conveying Servants out of the Province,

away To satisfy Damages