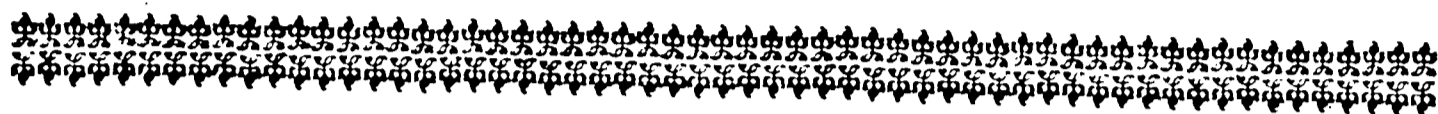


vince for the time being, to appoint One or more Visitors of the said Libraries within this Province, to report the true Estate of them to his Excellency the Governor and Council, that they may make Orders to cause every One concerned about the said Libraries, to do their Duties to the effectual Preserving of them.

Pass'd October 3d, 1704.

Revis'd May 21st, 1715.



An Act against Ingrossers and Reqrators.

No 19.

FORASMUCH as the Offences of Forestalling, Ingrossing, and Re-grating, are found mischievous and prejudicial to the Inhabitants of this Province, Be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That whatsoever Person or Persons, that from and after the Publication hereof, shall ingross or get into his, her, or their Hands or Possession by Buying, Contracting, or Promise, taking within this Province any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever, or Servants, to the Intent to sell the same again within the Space of Six Months; and the same or any part thereof shall, within that Time, sell again for ready Tobacco, or for Tobacco to be paid at the Shipping happening at the Time of such First Sale, or for Tobacco to be shipped for Payment, or securing the Payment of any Bill or Bills of Exchange, or for ready Money, or Bills of Exchange to be drawn for Payment of the said Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, with Intent to avoid the Penalty by this Act hereafter provided and imposed, or the said Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, shall transport out of this Province, shall be accepted, reputed and taken for an unlawful Ingrosser and Reqrator, and shall suffer such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are hereafter expressed; Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, from and after the Publication hereof, offend in any of the Things before recited, and being thereof duly convicted by Confession of the Party, or the Oaths of Two Witnesses, before the Justices of the Provincial Court, or the Justices of the County Courts, for the time being, where the Offences were committed, shall, for his, her, or their First Offence, have or suffer Imprisonment for the Space of Two Months, without Bail or Mainprize; and shall also lose and forfeit the Value of the Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, so by him or them bought or had: And if any Person or Persons lawfully convicted, as aforesaid, of or for the Second Offence, every such Person or Persons so offending, shall have and suffer for his or their Second Offence, Imprisonment for the Space of One Half Year without Bail or Mainprize, and shall lose Double the Value of all the Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, so by him or them bought or had, as aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons being lawfully convicted, as aforesaid, of or for the Second Offence, and shall again offend the Third time, and be thereof lawfully convicted; That then every Person for the Third Offence shall be set in the Pillory in the City, Town, or in the full County, where he shall then inhabit and dwell; and lose and forfeit all the Goods and Chattels he or they have to their own Use; and also to be committed to Prison, there to remain during the
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