

the Time and Term of Twelve Months before any Benefit claimed by Virtue of this Act; or that hath, or hereafter shall have an House in some Port or Town, as his or their proper Freehold, being Forty Foot in Length, and Twenty Foot in Breadth, with Two Brick Chimneys to the same, wherein he, she, or they, shall have resided for and during the Space of One whole Year, as aforesaid; and that no such Person or Persons trading to and from this Province, having Houses in any Town or Port within the same, whereby he, she, or they, may claim any Benefit or Freedom in this Act given to the Inhabitants thereof, shall have, hold, or enjoy such Benefit and Privilege, as aforesaid, any longer than he, she, or they, or his, her, or their Family, shall in such Port and Town actually inhabit and reside.

PROVIDED always, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, as shall trade directly from *England* to this Province, as aforesaid, be deemed, construed, reputed, or taken as Foreigners; but that all and every such Person or Persons, so trading directly from *England* to this Province, as aforesaid, have free Liberty in the Exportation of any Skins or Furs whatsoever, or in the Exportation of any Meat, dried or undried, equal with the Inhabitants of this Province; paying such Duties and Impositions for the said several and respective Commodities, as this Law hath imposed upon the Inhabitants aforesaid, and no more.

AND be it also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That One former Act of this Province, Intituled, *An Act for laying an Imposition upon several Commodities Exported out of this Province*, be and is hereby Repealed.

PROVIDED always, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, having in any Part transgressed against the aforesaid Law, during the Time it was in Force, being as yet undiscovered or unprosecuted for the same, or under present Prosecution for the same, shall have and receive any Benefit or Advantage by the Repeal thereof; but that upon the Prosecution or Discovery of such Person or Persons, so having offended, as aforesaid, the said Law shall be pleadable in any Court within this Province, wherein any Complaint or Information is or shall be brought against such Person or Persons, as aforesaid, and the Judgment thereupon given by the Justices of the said Court, as the Nature of the Cause shall require, in as full and ample Manner, as tho' the said Law, at the Time of the Rendering such Judgment, were then actually in Force; Any thing before mentioned or recited to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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*An Act for the Encouragement of such Persons, as will undertake to build Water Mills.* No 27.

DAILY Experience sheweth, That the Want of Water Mills is the true Cause that Husbandry in Tilling the Ground, and for Sowing of Wheat and Barley, is but coldly prosecuted, tho' the Advantage thereby in raising the Stock of Neat Cattle be great; and forasmuch as most Part of the Places fit for setting up of Water Mills are already in the Hands of Persons under Age, or unable to be at the Charge of Building a Water Mill; or else, such as are wilfully obstinate in Forbidding and Hindring such Persons as would purchase the said Places fit for Building Water Mills, and set them up, to the Increase of