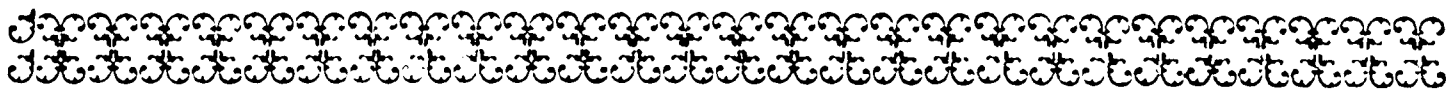


Successors, for the Support of Government, and the other Half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same, to be recovered in the respective County Courts by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed; Any other Act, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED always, That if any Persons, upon Encouragement of former Acts hereby Repealed, have begun to build any Mill, they shall still have all those Advantages, that they might have had by such Act hereby Repealed, as if the former Act or Acts were still in Force.

*Pass'd* October 3<sup>d</sup>, 1704.

*Revis'd* May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1715.



№ 28. *An Act for the Advancement of the Natives and Residents 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 no Person or Persons whatsoever, who have not made this Province their Seat of Residence for the full Space and Term of Three Years, shall have, hold, possess, or enjoy, any Place or Office of Trust or Profit within the same, either by himself or Deputy, except such Person or Persons as shall have immediate Commission from Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for any such Place or Office aforesaid, as also such Person or Persons now possessed of any such Place or Office, as aforesaid; but that all and every Her Majesty's Principal Officers within this Province, having, or that shall hereafter have Authority, by Virtue of any Commission from Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to him or them granted to dispose of any Place or Office, as aforesaid, may, upon Vacancy of any Place or Office, whereof they have Right to dispose, be obliged to make Choice of such Person or Persons, as they shall think most worthy and capable of Executing such Place or Office, as aforesaid, out of the Inhabitants of this Province, who have been resident therein during the Time and Term aforesaid; (except before excepted) Any Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted, That every Person or Persons whatsoever, having Commission from the Queen's Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to exercise any Office within this Province, shall actually inhabit in this Province, and exercise the same in his own proper Person, and not by any Deputy or Deputies, without particular Leave from Her Majesty.

*Pass'd* December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1704.

*Revis'd* May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1715.