

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That whosoever shall unlawfully, and without the Knowledge and Consent of the Owner, take another Man's Horse, Mare, or Gelding, and the same keep one Hour in his Possession, except such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, be found trespassing, as aforesaid, and the Owner not known, and such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, shall, without Consent aforesaid, occupy in any labour or travel, shall not only pay Damages to the Owner, but shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco; one Half to the Informer, the other Half to the Party grieved; to be recovered in any County-Court of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, to be allowed.

A N D forasmuch as divers Complaints are made of the Abuses committed by such Persons, that have obtained Commissions from the Governor to range the Woods and Forests after wild neat Cattle and Horses; It is pray'd, that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for any Person, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, to make Application to the Governor for the time being, to grant a Commission to range, as aforesaid, except such Person produce a Certificate, from under the Hands of the Justices of the County-Courts, where the said Person is to range, setting forth, that he is of good Fame.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Person, commissioned, as aforesaid, shall depute any Person, as Deputy, to range the Woods and Forests after wild neat Cattle or Horses, as aforesaid, except such Person be likewise approved of by the Justices of the County, in which he is to range as a Deputy.

A N D forasmuch as it is necessary to declare at what Age Horses, Mares, and Cattle, shall be deemed wild; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for any Ranger, within this Province, to take up and mark, or otherwise dispose of any unmarked Horse, Mare, Bull, or Cow, which shall not exceed the Age of Three Years, under Penalty of Suffering, as any other Person ought, that hath not such Commission; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Justices in each respective County, within this Province, shall, yearly, and every Year, at their County-Courts, in the Months of *November* and *March*, during the Continuance of this Act, cause it to be read in open Court, and likewise give it in Charge to the Grand Jury, to enquire of any Breaches thereof, committed by Wood-Rangers in that County.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Person whatsoever shall presume to range in the Woods or Forests, after wild neat Cattle or Horses, without a Licence from his Excellency the Governor in Chief, for the time being, under the Penalty of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for every such beforementioned wild Creature, that every such unlicensed Ranger shall kill, take up, or convey away, alive or dead; one Half to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government of this Province, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record in this Province, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, to be allowed.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Ranger, or his Deputy, shall presume to range, take up, or kill, any wild neat Cattle, Horse, or Mare, in any Island or Islands, Pasture, or other inclosed Grounds, belonging to any the Inhabitants of this Province, without the Leave of the Owner of the same, shall forfeit for every Beast, so taken up, or killed, as aforesaid, the Sum of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco; one Half to His Sacred Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, towards the Defraying the County-
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