

N^o 82. *An Act, Prohibiting the Carrying of Liquors to the Indian Towns, or Selling any Quantity of Strong Liquors to the Indians, to prevent Differences between them and His Majesty's Subjects; and to Punish the Transporters of any Friend Indian or Indians, out of this Province.*

BE it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication hereof, any Person or Persons whatsoever, inhabiting or trading into this Province, that shall presume to carry any Liquors whatsoever, to any *Indian* Fort or Town, or within Three Miles of any such Fort or Town, and shall vend or dispose of the same to any *Indian* or *Indians* whatsoever, such Person or Persons, shall forfeit the Sum of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco; one Half thereof to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, toward the Support of Government, the other Half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed.

AND whereas it is represented to this General Assembly, that of late, several Disorders and Riots have been committed by drunken *Indians*; in order to prevent such like future Mifeazances and Outrages, Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall, by himself, or Servant, or otherwise, directly or indirectly, vend or sell, to any *Indian* or *Indians*, in the Space of One Day, above One Gallon of Rum, Wine, Brandy, or Spirits, or above Five Gallons of Cyder, Perry, Quince-Drink, or Strong Beer, such Person or Persons, being convict thereof, shall forfeit the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds of Tobacco to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors; the one Half thereof to be apply'd towards the Defraying the County Charge, the other Half to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, to be allowed.

AND forasmuch as it is very observable and manifest, that sundry ill-disposed Persons have oftentimes, by spreading Lies and false Reports, raised and fomented unaccountable Heats and Jealousies, between the *Indians* and His Majesty's Subjects of this Province; for the Prevention of the said ill Practices for the future, Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall, wittingly or willingly, spread, and utter any false-feigned Stories or Reports whatsoever, tending to the Disquiet of the *Indians*, or making Feuds between them and His Majesty's Subjects of this Province, or shall endeavour, by any sinister, or unwarrantable Means whatsoever, to raise or create any Misunderstanding or Difference between His Majesty's Subjects and the said *Indians*, every such Person or Persons, convict of any such Offence or Offences, shall forfeit unto our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco; the one Half thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for Defraying the County Charge, and the other Half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same in any County-Court within this Province; to be recovered, as aforesaid: Provided, That this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not be construed to extend to the Hindrance of any Person or Persons whatsoever, from relating or giving