

Observation of the Lord's Day.

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Children, Servants or Slaves to work or labour as aforesaid, (the Works of absolute Necessity and Mercy always excepted,) nor shall suffer or permit any of his, her or their Children, Servants or Slaves, or any other under their Authority, to abuse or profane the Lord's Day as aforesaid, by Drunkenness, Swearing, Gaming, Fowling, Fishing, Hunting, or any other Sports, Pastimes or Recreations whatsoever.

or suffer his Servants to work;

or profane the Day by Drunkenness, or Sports, or Recreations.

II. And if any Person or Persons within this Province, from and after the Publication hereof, shall offend in all or any of the Premises, he, she or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every Offence, the Sum of One hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to the Use of the Poor of the Parish where the Offender or Offenders do dwell and reside, the said Offences, or any of them, being done in View of any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate, or other Head Officer of any County, City or Town Corporate within this Province, within their Limits respectively; or being proved by the Oath of two or more Witnesses, or by Confession of the Party offending, before any such Magistrate, Justice or Head Officer, within their several Limits respectively, wherein such Offences shall be committed, to which end every Justice, Magistrate, or other Head Officer, shall have Power by this Act to administer Oath to such Witness or Witnesses; any of which Sum or Sums of Tobacco so forfeited, shall and may be executed and levied by the Sheriff or Constable, by Warrant to any of them directed from any such Justice or Justices of the Peace, Magistrate, or other Head Officer as aforesaid, within their several Limits where all or any of the said Offences shall be committed or done, by Distress or Sale of the Offender's Goods, rendering the Party the Overplus. All which Forfeitures shall be to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, to the Use aforesaid, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by any Person that will sue for the same, by Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Penalty on Offenders.

The Offences being in View of the Justice.

or proved by two Witnesses, or by Confession.

Justices, &c. to administer an Oath to Witnesses.

Forfeitures to be levied by the Sheriff or Constables by Warrant from the Justice, &c.

And so be disposed for the Use of his Majesty.

III. And the said Justices, Magistrates, Head Officers, Sheriffs or Constables shall render an Account thereof, at the next Court to be holden for the respective County, City or Borough, where the said Offence shall be committed: And in default of such Distress, the Sheriff, Under-Sheriff or Constable, are hereby authorized and impowered to bring the Party offending before the next Justice of Peace, who is hereby authorized and impowered to bind such Offender or Offenders over to the next Court to be holden for the County; City or Borough respectively, and to be during the Interval of good Behaviour.

Justices, Magistrates, &c. to account for the Forfeitures, at the next County Court.

For want of Distress, to bind the Offenders to the next County Court, and to be of good Behaviour.

IV. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Minister of each respective