

And the Collectors and Naval Officers shall, at the Charge of the County where such such Collectors and Naval Officers inhabit, procure Copies of this Law; for each Copy whereof the County-Clerk shall have Ten Pounds of Tobacco, and no more, and affix the same in their Office or Offices, on or before the Tenth Day of *December*, next ensuing, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings Sterling to be for such Neglect forfeited and paid to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

An ACT against excessive Usury.

BE it Enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governour, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province, whether Inhabitant or Foreigner, upon any Contract, from and after the End of this present Sessions of this Assembly, shall exact or take, directly or indirectly, for Loan of any Monies, Wares or Merchandizes, or other Commodities whatsoever, to be paid in Money, above the Value of Six Pounds for the Forbearance of One Hundred Pounds for One Year, and so after that Rate for a greater or lesser Sum, or for a longer or shorter Time; nor shall any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province, as aforesaid, from and after the Time aforesaid, exact or take, directly or indirectly, for Loan of any Tobacco, Wares, Merchandizes or other Commodities for One Year, to be paid in Tobacco, or other Commodities of this Province, above the Value of Eight Pounds of Tobacco for the Forbearance of One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for One Year, and so after that Rate for a greater or lesser Sum, or for a longer or shorter Time; and that all Bonds, Contracts and Assurances whatsoever, made after the Time aforesaid, for the Payment of any Principal Money or Tobacco, Goods or Commodities, aforesaid, to be lent or covenanted to be performed upon or for any Usury, whereupon or whereby there shall be reserved above the Rate of Six in the Hundred for Money, as aforesaid, or above Eight Pounds in the Hundred for Tobacco, or other Goods or Commodities, as aforesaid, shall be utterly void; and that all and every Person and Persons whatsoever which after the Time aforesaid, shall upon any Contract to be made, take, exact and receive by Ways or Means of any corrupt Bargain, Loan, Exchange, Chievezance, Shift or Interest of any Wares, Merchandizes, or other Thing or Things whatsoever, or by any deceitful Way or Means, or by any Covin, Instrument or deceitful Conveyance for the Forbearance or giving Day of Payment, for one whole Year, of and for their Money, Tobacco, Goods and Commodities aforesaid, above the Sum of Money or Quantity of Tobacco aforesaid, for the Forbearance aforesaid, shall forfeit and loose for every such Offence the treble Value of the Money, Tobacco, Wares, Merchandizes or other Thing so lent, bargained, sold, exchanged and shifted, as aforesaid; the one Half of the said Fine and Forfeiture to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of this Government, the other Half to him or them that shall sue for

None to take more than 6 per Cent. per Annum for Money.

And 8 per Cent for Tobacco.

All Bonds, &c. for more, void.

Offenders to forfeit treble the Value.