

An ACT for Advancement of the Natives and Residents of this Province.

No person capable of Office till three Years Residence, except Commissioned immediately from the Crown.

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, 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 Possess'd 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.

Persons commissioned from the Crown, to be actual Residents.

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.

An ACT declaring several Acts of Assembly formerly made, to be in Force.

Laws continued concerning Perjury, Lord's Day, Indians, Frontiers, Indian Trade, Indian Differences.

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 the several and respective Acts of Assembly heretofore made and enacted, (that is to say) One Act Entituled, *An Act for erecting Ann-Arundel and Oxford Towns, into Ports and Towns*; One other Act of Assembly, entituled, *An Act for the Punishment of Persons suborning Witnesses, or committing wilful and corrupt Perjury*; One other Act, entituled, *An Act for Sanctifying and keeping Holy the Lords Day, commonly called Sunday*; One other Act, entituled, *An Act concerning Indians*; One other Act, entituled, *An Act for the present Security of the Frontier-Plantations, from the IncurSIONS and Violence of Indians*; One other Act, entituled, *An Act prohibiting Trade with the Indians for any Flesh, dead*

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