

or Owners, unless the Citizens can make it appear to have made Satisfaction for the same, the next Session of Assembly.

An ACT for settling the Rates of Foreign Silver Coyns within this Province.

WHEREAS Her Majesty, having had under Consideration the different Rates at which several Species of Foreign Coyns do pass in Her several Plantations, and the Inconveniences thereof, by the indirect Practice of drawing the Money from one Plantation to another, did issue Her Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Eighteenth of June, 1704, *For settling and ascertaining the current Rates of Foreign Coyns in Her said Plantations*, at Rates therein limited; and it being observed, that the said Proclamation did not procure the desired Effect, it was in the Sixth Year of Her present Majesty's Reign by the Parliament of England, enacted in an Act, entituled, *An Act ascertaining the Rates of Foreign Coyns, in Her Majesty's Plantations in America*, That no Person after the First Day of May, which shall be in the Year of our Lord 1709, account, receive or pay, any the several Species of Foreign Silver Coyn mentioned in the said Proclamation, at any greater Rate than at which the same is thereby settled, without being subject to the Pains and Penalties therein mentioned, by which it is conceived, that Her Gracious Majesty is desirous to restrain our Neighbouring Plantations under Proprietors from taking such Advantages as they have hitherto practised against us, under Her immediate Commission and Government, in restraining them from advancing the Rates of Silver Coyns higher than in the said Proclamation is allowed, and allowing us to come up to the said Rates; It is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted, And

Inconveniences remedied by Proclamation.

By Statute.

Rates ascertained.

To discharge all Contracts made after May, 1709, and Duties and Officers Fees.

Be it Enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of May, which shall be in the Year of our Lord 1709, the several Species of Foreign Silver Coyn mentioned in the said Proclamation, shall pass and be current in this Province, at the Rates therein mentioned (that is to say) A Piece of Eight of Sevil, Pillar and Mexico, weighing Seventeen Penny Half Penny Weight, and of Four Shillings and Six Pence intrinsic Value, shall pass current at Six Shillings; and all other Foreign Coyn shall pass proportionably thereto, according to their Weight and Fineness (as by the Table hereunto added is set forth) for the Discharge of any Contracts or Bargains made after the said First Day of May 1709, and likewise shall pass in Payments of all Duties and Impositions which is for the defraying the Charges of this Province, and all Officers Fees which by the Laws are Rated in Money. And in Regard there is at present little other Money in this Province than the Dollars commonly called *Dog-Dollars*, and they being near such Weight and Fineness, as that they would by the forementioned Proportion pass at Four Shillings and Six Pence, and the said Inhabitants of this Province being not so well acquainted with other Foreign Coyns, nor at present provided with Weights and Scales, It is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

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