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Lewdness or Incontinency, and being or residing within their respective Parishes, to appear before them, or the major Part of them, at such Time and Place as they, or the major Part of them shall appoint; and on the Appearance of such Person or Persons, to acquaint them of the Suspicion that is had of them, and to hear what reasonable Excuse such Persons shall offer, why they ought not to be proceeded against, according to Law, as Fornicators or Adulterers, as the Case shall happen; and in case the Person or Persons having such Notice given them, shall not appear, according to such Notice, on *Affidavit* of such Notice given or appearing, do not excuse or acquit themselves of the Grounds of such Suspicion, in such Manner as such Minister, Vestry and Church-Wardens, as aforesaid, shall approve; that then it shall and may be lawful for such Minister, Vestry and Church-Wardens, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, and they are hereby required to admonish such Person or Persons, according to the Directions aforesaid, which Admonition, together with Proof of the Co-habitation of the Parties so admonished, or their frequenting the Company of each other, contrary to, and after such Admonition given, shall be sufficient Evidence in any Court of this Province, to convict the Person so co-habiting or frequenting each others Company after Admonition given as aforesaid, of Fornication or Adultery, as the Case shall happen, and subject them to the Penalties aforesaid: Any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An ACT for Stay of Execution, after the Tenth of May, Yearly.

WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of this Province are and have been exceedingly grieved and burthened by Executions laid upon them in the Summer Time, when it is not possible for them to procure Effects for the Payment and Satisfaction of their Creditors, by Means whereof they are often times kept in Prison a long Time, and thereby disabled for making and tending their Crops, to the great Prejudice, if not Ruin of many the Inhabitants of this Province, being thereby left destitute of any Means to satisfy their Creditors: For Prevention whereof for the Future,

Be it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That after the Tenth Day of May, in any Year, no Execution shall issue out of any Court of this Province against the Body or Goods of any Person or Persons inhabiting within this Province till the Tenth Day of November next, or until the Tenth Day of November in any Year ensuing, for any Debt or Debts, or upon any Action, Judgment or Judgments sued, had or recovered against the Inhabitants of or within this Province, in the Provincial, or any County-Courts of this Province, for any Cause, Matter or Thing whatsoever.

Provided, such Person or Persons against whom any such Judgment is obtained, together with Two other Persons, such as the Justices shall approve of, come before One Justice or more of the Provincial Court,

In case the
Debtor gives
Security, as
directed,

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