

thereof the full Value of such Horse, Gelding, Mare or Colt so killed or destroyed; to be recovered by Action of Trespafs, or Action on the Case, in any County-court of this Province.

Horses whose Owners are not known, how to be managed.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That when-ever any Horse, Mare or Gelding shall break into any Corn-Field or other Inclosure, and the Owner be not known, that then and in all such Cases, it shall and may be lawful for the Party grieved, to take up such Horse, Mare or Gelding, so trespassing; and the same to carry before the next Magistrate, who shall be obliged to take an Account of the Marks of such Beasts, both natural and artificial, which the Persons aggrieved shall set up in the most publick Places in the same County; and until the Owner shall be known, it shall and may be lawful for such injured Person to use and employ such Horses, Mares and Geldings, without incurring the Penalties in this Act herein after imposed, not injuring such Beast by any careless or wilful Means; which Beast shall be delivered in good Order to the Person owning the same, proving his Property by the Testimony of One Witness before any Magistrate.

The Pains of riding others Horses.

By the Hour.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That whosoever shall unlawfully and without the Knowledge and Consent of the Owner, take another Man's Horse, Mare or Gelding, and the same keep one Hour in his Possession, except such Horse, Mare or Gelding be found Trespassing as aforesaid, and the Owner not known, and such Horse, Mare or Gelding shall, without Consent aforesaid, occupy in any Labour or Travel, shall not only pay Damages to the Owner, but shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, one Half to the Informer, the other Half to the Party grieved; to be recovered in any County-Court of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Horse Rangers restrained.

And forasmuch as divers Complaints are made, of the Abuses committed by such Persons that have obtained Commission from the Government, to range the Woods and Forests after wild Cattle and Horses, It is prayed that it may be enacted,

*And be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That it shall not be lawful for any Person after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly, to make Application to the Governour, for the Time being, to grant a Commission to range as aforesaid, except such Person produce a Certificate from under the Hands of the Justices of the County-courts where the said Person is to range, setting forth that he is of good Fame.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That no Person commissioned as aforesaid, shall depute any Person as a Deputy, to range the Woods and Forests after wild neat-Cattle or Horses as aforesaid, except such Person be likewise approved of by the Justices of the County in which he is to range as a Deputy.

Age of unmark'd Beasts.

And forasmuch as it is necessary to declare at what Age Horses, Mares and Cattle shall be deemed Wild,

*Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That it shall not be lawful for any Ranger within this Province, to take up and mark, or otherwise dispose of any unmark'd Horse