

General Issue.

Session of Assembly, be found loose in the Woods, or out of such Inclosure, it shall and may be lawful for any Person whatsoever, to shoot, or otherwise kill and destroy such Horse or Colt, without being accountable or answerable to the Owner or Owners of such Horse and Colt, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, in any Action or Suit whatsoever. And in case any Person or Persons shall at any time be sued for any such Shooting, Killing or Destroying, as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such Person to give this Act in Evidence upon the General Issue; any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Who may not keep breeding Mares.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly, it shall not be lawful for any Person, not having Land of his own, nor renting a Plantation, to keep any breeding Mare or Mares in the Woods, upon the Penalty of Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for every breeding Mare by such Person owned and kept; the one Half of which Fines to go to his Majesty, towards defraying the County Charge where such Offender shall reside, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

## An ACT relating to the Standard of English Weights and Measures.

WHEREAS the Standard of English Weights and Measures, is very much impaired in several of the Counties of this Province, and in some wholly lost or unfit for Use,

How to be purchased and preserved.

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 the Justices of the several County Courts, shall, by all convenient Speed, at the Charge of their respective Counties, cause the Standards they already have, to be made compleat, and purchase new Standards where they have none. And for the better Preservation of them for the future, That they take good and sufficient Security in his Majesty's Name, to the Use of the County where taken, from the Persons that shall be entrusted by them to keep such Standard, in the Penal Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling, for the safe keeping such Standard, and for the due Execution of the Office of Standard-keeper, and for the Delivering the same up in the like good Order they receive the same, when they shall be legally discharged from such Trust, under the Penalty of Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for each Justice of that County-Court that shall omit to do what is required of them by this Act; the one Half to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in the Provincial Court of this Province, against such Justices, joyntly or severally, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Justices Neglect, to be punished.

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