

pair, and several new Bridges are still wanting; and that it is the general Complaint of the Overseers of the High-ways, that they are rendered uncapable of Repairing the old or making new ones, being forbidden by the Owners of the adjacent Lands from cutting any Trees necessary for such Repairing or making of Bridges:

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Overseers of the High-ways within this Province, and they are hereby impowered, as often as Need shall require, for repairing and making of Bridges over the Heads of Rivers, Creeks, Branches, Swamps, or other low and miry Places, to cut down or cause to be cut down any Tree or Trees, growing on any of the next adjacent Lands to such Bridges necessary to be made or repaired, and the same Trees to haul or cause to be hauled, and carried from off such adjacent Lands, and applied to the making and necessary Repairs of such Bridges, as aforesaid.

Overseers of High Ways may cut down Trees on adjacent Lands to the Highway, for Repair thereof.

Provided always, That the Trees allowed to be cut down, in Manner and for the Use aforesaid, be not such as are fit to make Clapboards or Coopers Timber; nor for the Building or Repairing any Bridges that are built or maintained at a Publick or County Charge.

Provided, &c.

An ACT for explaining a Paragraph of the Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled, An Act directing the Manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates.

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WHEREAS in the Supplementary Act to the Act directing the Manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates and Representatives to serve in succeeding Assemblies, it is provided, That nothing in that Act should be construed to debar or hinder any of the People called and generally reputed *Quakers*, from their Votes in Election, they being otherwise duly qualified; some Questions have arose thereon, Whether *Quakers* are intended to be otherwise exempt thereby from all Questions concerning their Fidelity to the Government, than by allowing them the Liberty of taking their Affirmation to His Majesty's Government prescribed by Law, instead of the Oaths, as is now used in England: For declaring thereof:

Questions arising from a former Act, How the *Quakers* must qualify for Voting.

Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That in all Cases where any the good People of this Province are obliged or required to take the Oaths to His Majesty's Government, the *Quakers* be likewise obliged to take their Affirmation in the like Cases as allowed and prescribed by Law, instead of such Oaths; any Construction of the aforementioned Proviso to the contrary notwithstanding.

Here resolved.