

ACT confirming to the Governor of the Province, the Duty of Three Pence per Ton, upon the Burthen of Ships and Vessels.

Passed September }
5th, 1704. }

THE several and respective Masters of all Ships or Vessels trading and coming into the Province, of what Burthen soever, shall at the Time of entering such Ships and Vessels, pay unto the Governor of the Province, for the Time being, *Three Pence* per Ton, for every Ton of Burthen the said Ship or Vessel shall be of; or at entering, give sufficient Caution to the Naval Officer, for Payment thereof, all such Ships, as are *Bona fide* built in or belonging to the People of the Province, being excepted.

ACT for the Advancement of the Natives and Residents in the Province.

Passed December }
5th, 1704. }

NO Person or Persons whatsoever who have not resided in the Province for the Space of Three Years, shall have, hold, possess or enjoy any Place or Office of Trust or Profit within the same, unless they have immediate Commission from the Lord Proprietary or His Heirs and Successors; but all and every the Lord Proprietary's principal Officers within the Province, having Authority, by their Commission from the Lord Proprietary, to dispose of any Place or Office, may upon the Vacancy of such Place or Office, be obliged to make choice of such Person or Persons they think most worthy and capable of executing the same, out of the Inhabitants of the Province, who have been three Years Residents therein, (excepting always as before excepted.)

EVERY Person or Persons whatever, having Commission from the Lord Proprietary, shall actually inhabit in the Province, and exercise their Office in their own proper Persons, and not by a Deputy or Deputies, without particular Licence from the Lord Proprietary.

ACT declaring several Acts of parliament made in England, to be in Force in the Province.

Passed April }
2d, 1706. }

THE Act of Parliament made in the First Year of King *James*, for restraining all Persons from Marriage, until their former Wives and former Husbands be dead; and the several penal *English* Acts of Parliament, mentioned in the Act passed the First Year of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, for exempting His Majesty's Protestant Subjects, dissenting