

2. The declaration of rights, and no part thereof, shall be altered, changed or abolished, unless a bill so to alter, change or abolish the same, shall pass the general assembly, and be published at least three months before a new election, and shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election—Cont. 59.

## D E E R.

1. **F**OR preservation of the breed of wild deer, no person within this province, (friend *Indians* excepted) shall kill any deer, between the first day of January and the last day of July, in every year, under the penalty of 400lb. tobacco for every deer so killed, to be recovered before a single magistrate as in case of small debts; one half to the county school, the other to the informer—1730, c. 17, § 2.

2. Persons in whose custody any deer's flesh shall be found, which shall appear to have been killed within the time before limited, shall be liable to the said penalty, unless they make appear before a magistrate, who was the real killer of the deer, or from whom they received the same.—*ibid.* § 3.

3. The liberty given in this act to *Indians*, shall extend only to the killing of deer, to their private use, and not for sale.—*ibid.* § 4.

4. No inhabitant within this province shall purchase any dead deer, or part thereof, of any *Indian*, within the time prohibited by this act, under the penalty aforesaid —*ibid.*

5. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to shoot or otherwise kill or destroy, wild deer, except from the 15th of September to the 15th of December yearly, under the penalty of 5l. for every deer so killed or destroyed, to be recovered in the county court of the county where the said offence shall be committed, by indictment or information, one half to the county, the other to the informer—1789, c. 5, § 1.

6. Any person or persons, in whose hands or custody any deer's flesh, or deer's skin or skins, shall be found, that shall appear to have been killed at any other time except between the said 15th of September, and the 15th of December yearly, shall be deemed, taken and adjudged the killer or destroyer of such deer, and liable to the penalty aforesaid, unless such person or persons shall make it appear who it was that really killed the same, or from whom such person, thereof possessed, received the same, or that the same was not killed contrary to the prohibition of this act—*ibid.* § 2.

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