

C H A P. LXVIII.

An ACT empowering a committee to lay, assess and apportion the public levy of this present year, one thousand seven hundred and four. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 157. Expired. Passed 3d of October, 1704.

C H A P. LXIX.

An ACT against excessive usury. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 159.

BE IT ENACTED, by the Queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of her majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly of this province, and the authority of the same, That no person or persons whatsoever, within this province, whether inhabitant or foreigner, upon any contract, from and after the end of this present session of assembly, shall exact or take, directly or indirectly, for loan of any monies, wares or merchandises, or other commodities whatsoever, to be paid in money, above the value of six pounds for the forbearance of one hundred pounds for one year, and so after that rate for a greater or lesser sum, or for a larger or shorter time; nor shall any person or persons whatsoever, within this province as aforesaid, from and after the time aforesaid, exact and take, directly or indirectly, for loan of any tobacco, wares, merchandises, or other commodities, for one year, to be paid in tobacco or other commodities of this province, above the value of eight pounds of tobacco for the forbearance of one hundred pounds of tobacco, and after that rate for a greater or lesser sum, or for a longer or shorter time. Interest for money lent.

II. AND, That all bonds, contracts and assurances whatsoever, made after the time aforesaid for payment of any principal money or tobacco, goods or commodities aforesaid, to be lent, or covenanted to be performed, upon or for any usury, whereupon or whereby there shall be reserved above the rate of six pounds in the hundred for money as aforesaid, or above eight pounds in the hundred for tobacco, or other goods and commodities as aforesaid, shall be utterly void. Certain bonds, &c. void.

III. AND, That all and every person and persons whatsoever, which after the time aforesaid shall, upon any contract to be made, take, accept and receive, by ways or means of any corrupt bargain, loan, exchange, chievezance, shift, or interest of any wares, merchandises, or other thing or things whatsoever, or by any deceitful ways or means, or by any covin instrument, or deceitful conveyance, for the forbearance, or giving day of payment, for one whole year, of and for their money, tobacco, goods and commodities aforesaid, above the sum of money, or quantity of tobacco aforesaid, for the forbearance aforesaid, shall forfeit and lose for every such offence the treble value of the money, tobacco, wares, merchandises, or other thing, so lent, bargained, sold, exchanged, and shifted as aforesaid, the one half of the said fine and forfeiture to our sovereign lady the queen, her heirs and successors; for the support of this government, the other half to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any court of record of this province by action of debt, bill, plaint or information; wherein no effoin, protection, or wager of law to be allowed. Persons to forfeit treble, &c.

C H A P. LXX.

An ACT ascertaining the expences of the counsellors, delegates of assembly, and commissioners of the provincial and county courts of this province. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 160.

C H A P. LXXI.

An ACT relating to the standard of English weights and measures. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 162. Repealed 1715, ch. 49, and 1719, ch. 16.

C H A P. LXXII.

An ACT for publication of marriages. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 163.

C H A P. LXXIII.

An ACT ascertaining what damages shall be allowed upon protested bills of exchange. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 164. Repealed 1708, ch. 19.

C H A P. LXXIV.

An ACT declaring how fees for naturalization, and other, private laws, shall be proportioned. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 166.

C H A P. LXXV.

An ACT for amerciements in the provincial and county courts. Lib. LL. No. 3. fol. 167.

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