

That it shall not be lawful for any ranger within this province to take up and mark, or otherwise dispose of, any unmarked horse, mare, bull or cow, which shall not exceed the age of three years, under penalty of suffering as any other person ought that hath not such commission, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

**IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid,** That the justices in each respective county within this province shall, yearly and every year, at their county courts in the months of November and March, during the continuance of this act, cause it to be read in open court, and likewise give it in charge to the grand juries, to inquire of any breaches thereof committed by wood-rangers in that county.

Act to be read  
in courts.

**X. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid,** That no person whatsoever shall presume to range in the woods or forests after wild neat cattle or horses, without a licence from his excellency the governor in chief for the time being, under the penalty of five thousand pounds of tobacco for every such before-mentioned wild creature that every such unlicensed ranger shall kill, take, or convey away alive or dead, one half to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of government of this province, the other half to the informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any court of record in this province, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law to be allowed.

Penalty for  
ranging the  
woods without  
licence, &c.

**XI. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid,** That if any ranger or his deputy shall presume to range, take up or kill, any wild neat cattle, horse or mare, in any island or islands, pasture, or other enclosed grounds belonging to any of the inhabitants of this province, without the leave of the owner of the same, shall forfeit, for every beast so taken up or killed as aforesaid, the sum of five thousand pounds of tobacco, one half to his sacred majesty, his heirs and successors, towards the defraying the county charge where the said offence or offences is committed, the other part to the party grieved, or to him, her or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Cattle, &c. on  
islands not to  
be taken up,  
&c.

**XII. AND, whereas the extravagant multitude of useles horses, mares and colts, that run in the woods, are found very pernicious and burthensome to the inhabitants of this province, it is thought necessary that some suitable remedy be provided in that behalf; and therefore, BE IT ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid,** That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, all stoned horses shall be kept within good sufficient enclosures; and in case any stoned horse or horses that have been taken up and broke fit for use shall happen to be found loose, and out of such enclosures, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to take up and impound, or cause to be taken up and impounded, in some open park, and there to detain him, on the risk of the owner thereof, or cause him to be so detained, until the owner or owners of such horse, having speedy and convenient notice of such impounding, shall satisfy unto the person so impounding, or causing such horse to be impounded, the sum of five shillings, or sixty pounds of tobacco.

Stoned horses  
to be kept in  
enclosures, &c.

**XIII. AND,** That in case any stoned colt above eighteen months old, or stoned horse unbroke, shall, at any time after the end of this present session of assembly, be found loose in the woods, or out of such enclosure, 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.

If found loose,  
&c. may be  
shot, &c.

**XIV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid,** That after the end of this present session 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 essoin, protection or wager of law to be allowed.

Certain persons  
not to keep  
breeding  
mares, &c.