

to list the great Quantities of Indian corn and wheat (as well as other
 sorts of grain) most likely to have been made within this Province this
 present year, whereby the Inhabitants of this Province might in all
 probability have supplied themselves and other our Neighbouring
 Colonies and plantations, and their great hopes and expectations of
 a plentiful full crop succeeded; but contrarily the same hath been so
 farall and generally a disappointment: that the aforementioned sorts
 of grain (vizt) Indian Corn and wheat are already become very
 scarce within this Province, in so much that it is to be feared the
 same will scarcely supply the common necessities of the Inhabitants
 of this Province sufficiently for this year and following as from
 the general Rumor and reports from all parts of this Province
 We have heard and received; We have therefore thought fitt
 and do by and with the Advice and consent of our Council hereby
 strictly prohibit & forbid all and singular the Inhabitants of this
 our Province upon any pretence whatsoever, to sell or otherwise
 dispose off to any Merchant or Master of Shipp or Vessel, or other
 person whatsoever any Indian Corn or wheat, of any Quantity
 whatsoever, to be exported out of this Province to any other port or
 place whatsoever, as they will answer & contrary at their perill by
 incurring our displeasure, and the heavy consequences thereof; they
 shall nor warrant or license to the contrary thereof in any wise
 notwithstanding, they also willing and requiring all Merchants and
 Masters of Shipp & Vessels and other persons whatsoever trading
 into, inhabiting or residing within this Province to take due cognizance
 thereof, so as not to shipp take receive or putt on board any Shipp
 or Vessel whatsoever to export out of this Province any the aforesaid
 Grain of Indian Corn or wheat as they will answer the contrary
 at their perill as aforesaid And We do by and with the Advice and
 consent of our Council strictly charge and command all and singular our
 Officers civile and Military within this Province, and others the good
 people thereof to make diligent search and inquiry in and about their
 severall and respective precincts and habitations concerning the breach
 thereof to the end that the Offenders therein may be proceeded against as shall
 by us be thought fitt according to Law. We willing also requiring all
 & singular the Officers of this our Province by themselves or Deputies forthwith
 to make publick proclamation thereof in most publick and convenient
 places within their respective Jurisdictions for the Information of all
 the Inhabitants of our said Province, and others therein concerned, that
 no person shall offend against the same may peradventure

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