

An Act against Hog stealers

Whereas The act made at a Generall Session of Assembly the tenth day of Aprill 1666 Requires an amendment in severall clauses thereof Be it therefore Enacted and Be it Enacted by the right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the assent of the upper and lower house of this present Generall Assembly that whosoever shall be proved or convicted either by witnesses Confession or otherwise as principall or accessory to have killed any hogs in the woods or upon a plantation or otherwise and to have cutt of the ears thereby to deface or otherwise to alter the mark shall be reputed as a hog stealer and suffer as a hog stealer and he also that shall kill in the woods or else where any hogg or hogs not being his own or shall secretly carry them away with purpose to conceal them shall be adjudged a hog stealer unless he shall cut off sufficient of the flesh or skin Joyning with both ears evidently thereby to demonstrate whoes hogs they were and shall also nail and hang the same upp in publick view for the space of one whole month at the least And Be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that every person or persons either as principall or accessory that shall privately kill or carry away any young piggs or unmarkt Shoats not being upon his own land or not Sorting or in Company with his own hogs shall also be adjudged a hog stealer And be it also Enacted by the authority aforesaid that any person or persons that shall be reputed by common fame hog stealers and having been formerly warned by the true owner of the land and shall yett presume either with dogg or gun or to hunt upon the same he or they so for armed shall be liable to pay the quantity or sume of one thousand pounds of