

And the Party appellant shall procure a Copy of the protocoll
of the 3^d County Court, where such appeal was made, to be trans-
mitted to the Prob^{ate} Court, and prosecute his appeal there, though
then next Prob^{ate} Court, at his perill. This Act to endure for
three years, or to end off y^e next session of gen^l Assembly w^t
shall first happen.

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An Act against the Importation of Convict^d
persons ~~offenders~~ into this Province.

Forasmuch as sober^d masters of shippes, Sailors, and
others have used, and still doo use to import into this Province
soberall notorious offenders and malfactore^s, wh^t, in soberall of the
m^tie^r Courts, have been convicted of Crimes, and Offencies,
as afores^d, and afterward procured by masters of shippes, Sailors
& others, out of y^e somer Coalers, to import ~~into~~ into this Province
and here to sell and dispose of such offenders & malfactors as ser-
vants, to the great prejudic^e and grievance of the good people
of this Province: for the preventing whereof for the future
the Burgesses and Delegates of this present gen^l Assembly
Pray that it may be Enacted. And

Be it Enacted by the Right hon^{ble} the Lord Propre^r
by and with the advice and consent of the upper and lower
houses of this present gen^l Assembly, and the authorities
of the same, that from and after the first day of November
next, at every office, or place where Shippes and Vessells
are and shall be appointed to be entered and cleared, the
Clerke of such office, or person appointed for the Entry and
Clearing of Shippes and Vessells, shall administer an Oath
to every master of Shipp, when he comes to enter, that he