

at an outcry: But any party having right to the goods, or to the disposure of them, claiming within three yeares, shall be restored to his right, and the finder of <sup>such</sup> goods shall have the one halfe for his paines and charges.

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An act prohibiting all Masters of Ships or Vessells, or any other persons from transporting or Convoying <sup>away</sup> any person or persons out of this Province without passes.

Whereas severall persons Freeman within this Province being indebted to the Inhabitants therooft have been by Masters of Ships or other vessells transported, and by others, by Land Convoied out of this Province; and also severall Servants who had time by the Custom of the Countrey, Condition for wages, or Indentures to serve have been transported and convoied away as aforesaid, to the great and manifold damage of their Creditors and Masters, The Delegates of this present generall Assembly having seriously considered the inconvenience thereby arising to the good people of this Province, doe Pray that it may be Enacted

And Be it Enacted by the Right hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> by and with the advice and consent of the upper and Lower houses of this present gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly, that from and after y<sup>e</sup> publication hereof, any person or persons whatsoever who shall intend to depart this Province shall give notice of such his intended departure by setting up his name at the Secretary's office for the full space of three whole months, and that if within that time no person shall underwrite, the person respectibly soo setting up his name as aforesaid. It shall be Lawfull for his Lordps<sup>s</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup>, Chancello<sup>r</sup> or Secretary of this Province for the time being to signe a Pass for any such persons to depart this Province, for which Pass the party shall pay as a fee to the party signing the same the sume of two shillings and six pence sterling. And

Be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that any Master of ship or other Vessell ~~or~~ or any other person whatsoever that shall transport or Convoiy out of this Province, by Land or water, any Freeman being indebted by Bill, Bond, Account or otherwise unto any Inhabitants, without such pass under the hand of the Governo<sup>r</sup>, Chancello<sup>r</sup> or Secretary of this Province for the time