

every person or persons who shall hereafter at any time make any account or accounts, or any entry or entries of or for any money, goods, Chattels, commodities or merchandizes whatsoever, to or for the use of y^e L^d. Prop^rty or his heirs, unto or with his or their Secretary of this Province for the time being, or unto any other officer or minister of y^e L^d. Prop^rty & his heirs, by him or them from time to time appointed, or to be appointed to receive or take such account or to make such entry, & shall not make or deliver a true and just account or entry of or for any such money, goods, chattels, commodities or merchandizes as afores^d, but shall conceal y^e same such person or persons, after proof thereof made, shall forfeit to y^e L^d. Prop^rty & his heirs, all such moneys, goods, Chattels, commodities or merchandizes so concealed, & whereof true & just account or entry shall not be made. And.

Be it further enacted by y^e authority afores^d. that all and every person or persons within this Province, who have been, shall or may be intrusted with any money, goods, Chattels or merchandizes to or for y^e use of y^e L^d. Prop^rty or his heirs, shall take his corporal oath upon y^e holy Evangelists, to be administered by y^e Secretary or other officer thereunto appointed by y^e L^d. Prop^rty or his heirs, who shall have power from time to time, by virtue of this Act, to administer y^e same, if they think fitt, that all account or entries for any such money, goods, Chattels or other merchandizes as afores^d. are true & just.

April 1650.

An act concerning trade with the Indians.

Be it enacted by y^e L^d. Prop^rty, with y^e consent of y^e upper & Lower houses of this Assembly, that from henceforward every Inhabitant of this Province shall have free liberty to trade with any Indian or Indians within this Province for any Beaver or other commodity, & to pass upon any River or Creek, or other passage through any part of this Province to trade for y^e like commodity with any Indian or Indians without this Province, & to export the commodity or any of them so to be traded for from time to time, out of this Province, Excepting Corn, which shall not be exported out of this Province without speciall leave for y^e same to be obtained from time to time from y^e Lieut. or chief Governour of y^e Province, or such other officer or officers for y^e time being, as he or y^e L^d. Prop^rty or his heirs Lords & Prop^rs of this Province shall from time to time appoint, paying a tenth in weight or value for all y^e Beaver so traded for, for a custom to his s^d. L^dship & his heirs Lords and Prop^rs of this Province. Provided that no person or persons, who shall