

By the advice consent & Authority aforesaid that the aforesaid summe  
of £200 amounting in the whole to the summe of two hundred forty five  
thousand four hundred & nine p<sup>ts</sup> of £100 be levied & assessed by an  
equal Assessement upon the persons & estates of the Inhabitants of this Province & be  
paid to the Generall p<sup>rs</sup> to whom the same sh<sup>al</sup> be due according to the order  
disbursement necessary charged of this Province which have bene examined & stated  
& allowed by the upper & lower houses of this present Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly any Law  
Custom or Statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

## Know all men that Ingrossers & Regraters,

Forasmuch as hitherto no Law hath bene made in this Province  
for restraining & prohibiting Ingrossing & Regrating the wares & tof<sup>er</sup> goods  
practise wherof hath bene & still is highly oppressive & Injurious to the  
greater parte of the Inhabitants of this Province who are by means  
therof deprived & wholly prevented from the benefit of buying  
out their Cropp of £100 or any parte therof with the merchant  
adventurers their partners & others bringing in all sorts of good  
merchandized & serv<sup>ts</sup> for the purchase therof, whist a few persons  
& a few of people, & but few in number of the Inhabitants  
of this Province doe buy & purchase all or most parte of the goods  
merchandized & serv<sup>ts</sup> yearly brought into this Province w<sup>th</sup>  
Consequen<sup>t</sup> for the purchase of £100 & albeit they have not  
of their owne wherby to pay for the goods merchandized &  
serv<sup>ts</sup> soe by them from time to time bought & purchased, & becau<sup>se</sup>  
the necessity of the Province that within a few  
dayes after such purchase they can Regrate the same goods mer-  
chandized & serv<sup>ts</sup> with a small parte of the £100 therewith purchased  
pay & satisfy for all the said goods merchandized & serv<sup>ts</sup>, & be ready  
for another market, therby not only in having the price of all  
goods merchandized & serv<sup>ts</sup> but making sundry returns in one  
Shipping season, & in the meane time the greater number of the  
Inhabitants of this Province are disabled & totally hindered from  
selling their Cropp of £100 unless it be to & with the aforesaid  
Whistlez or some or one of them at their owne deere rates & prices  
for the present therefore of soe great a mischief for the future,  
Be it enacted by the Right honorable the King & Queen by & with the  
advice & consent of the upper & lower houses of this present Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Assembly & the Authority of the same, that whosoever person or persons  
that after the Twenty fifth day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> one thousand six hundred  
Eighty one shall Ingross or gett into his her or their handes or  
possession by buying Contracting or promise taking within this  
Province any goods or merchandized whatsoever, or serv<sup>ts</sup> to the intent  
to sell the same againe within the space of six monthes & the same or  
any parte therof, shall within that time sell againe for ready £100  
or for £100 to be paid the Shipping, hapning in the time of such  
first sale or for £100 to be shipped for paym<sup>t</sup> or securing the paym<sup>t</sup> of  
any bill or bills of Exchange to be drawne for the paym<sup>t</sup> of the said  
goods merchandized or serv<sup>ts</sup> with intent toclude the benefit of this Act or  
the same goods merchandized or serv<sup>ts</sup> shall transport out of this Province  
be accepted & reputed taken for an unlawfull Ingross & Regrat<sup>r</sup> & shall  
suffer the paines & penalties forfeited hereafter expressed any Law Statute  
usage or Custom to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.