

And Comon Council men of the City of <sup>London</sup> ~~London~~ for the time being for the use of  
the said City Towne and port thereof. **And bee it further made**  
That the said severall Towns ports & places in the said Revid Act and in  
this present Act mentioned be purchasid <sup>surveyed</sup> & laid out in lots Marked and  
staked out platted & entred in the severall books to be kept Touching the  
Same as by the said Revid Act is directed appointed at or before the  
Twenty ninth day of September next coming

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### **An Act Against Excessive Usury**

**See it Enacted** by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietors  
of this p<sup>ro</sup>vince by and with the advice and consent of the upper & lower Houses of this p<sup>ro</sup>vince  
Generall Assembly & the authority of y<sup>e</sup> same That no person or persons w<sup>h</sup>soever within  
this p<sup>ro</sup>vince whether Inhabitant or foreigner upon any contract shall from & after  
the end of this p<sup>re</sup>sent session of assembly take Directly or indirectly for loan of any  
Monys wares Merchandizes or other Commodities whatsoever to be paid in money above  
the value of six pounds for y<sup>e</sup> forbearance of one hundred pounds for one yeare And for  
after that Rate for a greater or lesse sume or for a longer or shorter time: nor  
shall any person or persons whatsoever within this p<sup>ro</sup>vince as afores<sup>d</sup> from & after  
the time afores<sup>d</sup> take Directly or indirectly for loan of any Tobaccos WARES  
Merchandizes or other Commodities to be paid in Tobacco or other Commodities of this  
p<sup>ro</sup>vince Above y<sup>e</sup> value of eight pounds of Tobacco for y<sup>e</sup> forbearance of one  
hundred pounds of Tobacco and after that Rate in any other goods & Commodities  
for one yeare & for after y<sup>e</sup> Rate for a greater or lesse sume or for a longer or  
shorter time And that all Bonds Contracts & Assurances whatsoever made after  
the time afores<sup>d</sup> for payment of any principall Money or Tobacco goods or Commod  
aforesaid to be lent or Covenanted to be performed upon or for any usury:  
whereupon or whereby there shall be referred or taken above the Rate of six  
pounds in the hundred in Monney as aforesaid and above eight pounds in the  
hundred in Tobacco or other goods <sup>or</sup> Commodities as aforesaid shall be utterly voyd: And  
that all & every person or persons whatsoever wheresoever shall after y<sup>e</sup> time aforesaid  
upon any contract to be made take accept or receive by way or means of any  
Corrupt bargain Loan Exchange or otherwise the use or interest of any wares  
Merchandize or other thing or things whatsoever by any deceitfull way or  
means or by any Covinious or other deceitfull way for y<sup>e</sup> forbearance or  
givinge day of payment for any whole part of their money Tobacco  
or goods or Commodities aforesaid above the sume of money or quantity of Tobacco  
aforesaid for y<sup>e</sup> forbearance: And shall forfeit & lose for every such offence the  
Treble value of the Money Tobacco goods wares Merchandizes and other things so