

The Upper and Lower houses of this present Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly having  
 taken into their serious Considerations the great quantities of Linnen  
 and Woollen cloath which are brought from foreigne parts into and  
 Spent in this Province & that the Inhabitants of this Province for  
 want of the like pollicy & Industry as other Countrys have attained  
 unto in the inventing & practicing & putting in Exercis the  
 making of Linnen & Woollen cloath, doe yearly spend vast sumes of  
 Money and quantities of Tobacco in purchasing those manufactures  
 for cloathing, & Considering the great benefitt & advantage that by the  
 making of such manufactures of Linnen & Woollen cloath will come  
 to this Province & being willing to give all due Encouragement that  
 may be to any person or persons what soever that will make or cause to be  
 made any Linnen or Woollen cloath doe humbly pray that it may be  
 Enacted, And bee it Enacted by the R<sup>ts</sup> hon: the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> by and  
 with the advice & consent of the Upper & Lower houses of this present  
 Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same, that from & after the  
 publication hereof any person or persons what soever Inhabitants within  
 this province that shall make or cause to be made & woven within  
 this province of the growth & manufacture of this province any  
 Quantity of Linnen or woollen cloath of what kind soever such person or  
 persons so making or causing to be made such Linnen or woollen cloath  
 as aforesaid within this province shall for his & their Encouragement  
 in the advancing & setting forward such manufactures here and  
 Receive from the severall & Respective Commis<sup>s</sup>: of the severall and  
 Respective County Courts within this province where the said person  
 or persons so making or causing to be made such Linnen or woollen  
 cloath as aforesaid shall dwell and reside for every Yard of Linnen  
 cloath so to be made as aforesaid being three quarters of a Yard broad  
 at the least the sum of six pounds of Tobacco, & for every Yard of  
 woollen cloath so to be made as aforesaid being three quarters of a  
 Yard broad at the least the summe of tenne pounds of tobacco, to  
 be Raised & paid to the person & persons making or causing to be made  
 (such)