

An Act concerning the

and to punish Burners the

also to restrain the Multiplicity of Trogs and Murrs

**Whereas** Divers people within this Province doe  
make insufficient fences about their Corn fields whereby Cattle & Horses  
are apt to gett in and Destroy the Corn there planted for prevention  
whereof for the future this present Generall Assembly do humbly pray  
that it may be Enacted **And Be it Enacted** by the King  
most Excellent Maty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present  
Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same That all fences  
are Intended or designed to inclose Corn Ground or prairie Land  
planted shall be at the least five feet high quite Round the field  
wall and sufficiently made in the Judgem<sup>t</sup> of two indifferent men  
viewing the Same when any Trospass is Committed and in Case any  
Horse Mare or Cattle shall Leap over or break down any Such fence  
of aforesaid there by getting in Such Ground That then the Owner of  
Such Horse or Horses, Mare or Mares or Cattle shall be liable to an Acc<sup>t</sup>  
of Trospass if the Damage thereby Sustained shall in Judgem<sup>t</sup> of two  
Such persons as aforesaid amount to Two hundred pounds of Ten  
or upwards or if less the Owner of Such Beast or Beasts to be  
Conveyed before one Justice of the peace in the Same County  
is hereby Impowered to award Such Damages as shall be  
Convenient upon Such Evidence as shall be produced by  
Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding and as  
the good people of this Province have and do suffer by  
the notorious ill practices of ill disposed and malicious