

Be it enacted by Authority
afore said That if any person or persons whatsoever within
this Province shall wilfully & Maliciously Burn pull down
or any ways Destroy any Corn field pasture or Orchard or any
other fence or fences whereby any of the Inhabitants of this
Province are or may be harmed or damaged the person or
persons so offending being thereof Lawfully convicted by Confession
or the Testimony of Two Witnesses or one Witness & pregnant
Circumstances agreeable thereto shall make Satisfaction to the
party Grieved by paying of Treble the Damages Suffered thereby
at the said Justices before whom such Matter shall come shall
determine or a Jury in such Case shall award and forasmuch
as it often happens that peoples Corn fields are generally destroyed
by the intolerable number of horses and mares that are usually
suffered to run at Liberty in the Woods and other places hereby
going so wild that they are not only prejudicial to most
of the Neighbourhood but also are of little or no use to y^e Owners
Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty
by and with the Advice and Consent of his present General
Assembly and the Authority of the same That from and
after the Tenth day of March next after the publication
hereof when and as often as any horse mare or gelding or
any other Beasts shall happen to get into any Corn field wheat
or Oat ground bounded with such a fence as is above
mentioned the Owner of such ground as aforesaid shall
be obliged the first and second time such Beast shall get
into the said ground as aforesaid to Give Notice