

11 unable to be at the charge of building a watermill or
of mills in forwarding and mending such persons as would purchase
pieces fit for building watermills and set them up to the use of navigation
and navigation much to the public damage of the province.

Be it enacted by the Queen most Excellent Majesty Elizabeth
with the advice and consent of her Majesty's Governor Council and a
of this province and the authority of the same that if any person or persons
from and after the publication hereof shall desire to set up a watermill
upon any Land now adjoining to any Run of Water within this province
not being the proper possession or Freehold of such person or persons nor to be
letting to the Intent thereon to set a watermill they shall purchase a writ
out of Chancery directed to the Sheriff of the County where such Land is
requiring him by the oath of twelve men of this County to enquire what
damage it would be to her Majesty or others to have a mill set up in such
place as aforesaid the form of which writ followeth vizt. *Nulli in the Peace*
of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Queen Defender of the
Faith &c To the Sheriff of A. County greeting the Command you that by the
calls of the Honorable and Lawfull men of the County by whom the truth of
the Matter may be better known you diligently inquire if it be to the damage
of us or others if we grant N.N. of N. County twenty acres of Land lying
at N. in the County aforesaid sixteen acres on our side such Run and
ten acres on the other side of such Run of Water together with liberty to
take full cut down and carry away either by Land or water any timber
or timber fit for building a mill other than timber fit to split into planks
boards upon any Lands now adjoining to the said twenty acres of
lying on each side of the said Run of Water att N. N. aforesaid in the
County aforesaid. And if it be to the damage and prejudice of us or others
than to what damage and prejudice of us and to what damage and preju
of others and of whom and in what manner and how and of what value
by the year according to the true value the year now before any other
of the said twenty acres of Land and who are the present possessors
twenty acres of Land and what lands and Tenements remain to the
possessor over the said twenty acres and if the said
possessors over the said twenty acres will suffice to up and