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Read this time
by a Short act
Read 2d time
and committed to a Grand Committee
Reported again with Amts
for 3 Years

Read the Laws of this Province being made in Ps
but was not passed

An Act

prohibiting the Importation of Negro Slaves Servants or other English or Indian Slaves or Servts
Negroes Mulattos or Negro or Tobacco from Barbadoes &c
the Leeward Islands or Bermuda

Be it Enacted by the Governor Council & Assembly of this Province and by the Authority of the same that from and after the End of this Session of Assembly it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to import or cause to be imported from the Province of Pensilvania or the Territories thereto belonging or from any other Plantation or Province or Colony whatsoever into any part of this Province by Land or Water any Negro Slaves Servants or other English or Indian Slaves or Negroes Mulattos or Negro Men or Women Servants or Tobacco (except Tobacco from Virginia to this place for Landing and Shipping) upon pain and penalty that whosoever shall import contrary to this Act any the Things aforesaid shall forfeit the same to the Use of her Majesty her Heirs and Successors for the Support of the Government of this Province the other Half to him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered by Action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information in any Court of Record within this Province wherein no Essoin Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that every Justice of the Peace in this Province in his proper County and every Head Officer and Collector in and of his District and every Constable or Constables in his or their several and respective Hundred and every Tithing Man or Tithing Men Warden or Wardens in his or their Borough and respective Parish Precincts or Offices and this Act may the more fully Force in this Behalf Inquire of such Goods and Things as they find imported contrary to this Act And if any private Person being none of the Officers aforesaid shall discover any such Goods or Things so unlawfully imported he shall sue in the next Justice of the Peace Court is

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