

An Act for advancement of the Nation and
Residence of this province.

Be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by
and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's good Council
Council and Assembly of this province and the Authority of the
said Act no Person or Persons whatsoever who have not made this
province their seat of Residence for the full space and term of three
years shall have, hold, possess or enjoy any place or Office of Trust or
profit within the same either by him self or Deputy except such Person
or Persons as shall have immediate Commission from her Majesty her
Heirs and Successors for any such place or Office aforesaid as aforesaid
Person or Persons now possess of any such place or Office aforesaid but
that all and every her Majesty's principal Officers within this
province having or that shall hereafter have Authority by virtue
of any Commission from her Majesty her Heirs and Successors to give
or them granted to dispose of any place or Office aforesaid may
upon vacancy of any place or Office whereof they have right to dispose
be obliged to make choice of such Person or Persons as they shall think
most worthy and Capable of executing such place or Office as a-
foresaid out of the Inhabitants of this province who have been Re-
sident therein during the time and term aforesaid (except before ex-
ception of any custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted that every Person or Persons what-
soever having Commission from the Queen's Majesty her Heirs and
Successors to exercise any Office within this province shall actually
inhabit within this province and exercise the same in his own proper
Person and not by any Deputy or Deputies without special leave from
her Majesty.

December 7th 1704

December 8th 1704

Assented to by her Majesty's Privy Council

Dec 9th 1704

Wm. Blount

On behalf of the said Majesty's Council

J. Blount

Remains with the original and
is now deposited to the
custody of the Secretary of State

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