

Them into their hands and destroy the Same to the great Detriment of many honest traders and dealers and others Concerned and many times others out of a dis honest and inquisitive Temper secretly take and break open publick and private Country Letters to the great Dissatisfaction and prejudice of severall the Inhabitants her Majesty's Good Subjects and great Delay of Publick Business for the prevention thereof for the future

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and assembly of this province and the authority of the Same that if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall hereafter presume to take and breake open the Seale or Seals of any Letter or Letters whatsoever not being unto him or them directed or not haveing Especial License (from the Persons to whom the Same are directed their Executors or administrators) so to do shall upon due Conviction thereof either in the Provinciaall or County Courts of this province suffer Imprisonment of his hers or their body or bodys for and during the space of six days without bayle or Mainprize and forfeit the sume of five pounds Sterling the one moiety to her Majesty her heirs and successors for the support of Government the other moiety to him or them that shall inform or sue for the Same to be Recovered in any Court of Record within this province by action of Debt Bill plaint or information wherein no Essoyn protection or wager of Law to be allowed; And in case any such Person or Persons shall breake open any Letter or Letters directed to his Excellency her Majesty's Governour or any of her Majesty's Council of this province for the time being or other publick Letter superscribed or directed for her Majesty's service and signed by any Person having authority so to do and shall be thereof Legally Convict he she or They so offending shall suffer two (months)