

An Act for the Relief of the Inhabitants of this Province from Some Grievances they Lie under.  
 Enacted at the City of Annapolis the 17th day of October in the 10th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne Queen of Great Britain France and Ireland and the Dominion and Territories thereto belonging Defenders of the faith &c. Annoque Domini One thousand seven hundred and ten. The names of the Lords and of our President of her Majesty's Council of the Province are as followeth  
 Were enacted the Laws following

Expired, being re-enacted in 1712 and again in 1718 - which last Law is still continued.

An Act Relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from Some Grievances they Lie under.  
 Whereas during this Long and tedious (though glorious and successful) war her Majesty's Good Subjects of this province have greatly suffered and many of them have been utterly Ruined not only by Loss at Sea of their Tobaccos which is their only Staple manufacture being taken by the Enemy but also by their Trade being shut up by Reason of the Export to Spain & France in a Measure wholly Prohibited so that very many honest and industrious her Majesty's Subjects now by the very Charge of necessary Coasting and Transport themselves and families are become vastly Indebted and no prospect as yet appearing by what means in any Reasonable time to extricate themselves out of their Miserable and Deplorable Circumstances which are yet very much heightened and aggravated by their being Tied and brought up to Annapolis from the several parts of this province to their Mansions of oppression and Impoverishment so that many of the Good Inhabitants of this province Daily desert their habitations and remove themselves to plantations and Colonys where they are far less Tormentable to her Majesty and her Revenue of Customs of Tobacco and others Leave their abodes and plantations woods or otherwise Tied bound to Designe to Resist the officers of Justice who by their happy peace and Tranquility of this province seems to be greatly endangered which Loudly Calls for Some proper Remedy to be applyed thereto wherefore the present Generall Assembly humbly supplicate her most Sacred Majesty that it may be Enacted as  
 And be it enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Council and Assembly of this province and the