

are hereby authorized and impowered to proceed to the Regulating the several Parishes in the said Counties, after such Manner as to them, or the major Part of them, shall seem most to the Ease and Convenience of the Inhabitants of each respective Parish; which said Parishes, so by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, to be divided, shall be by the said Commissioners ascertain'd, either by Natural Boundaries, Artificial Courses, or otherwise; and a full and fair Account of their Proceedings, and the Boundaries, Sign'd by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall be by the said Commissioners, return'd to the next General Assembly, for their Inspection and Approbation.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the Persons herein before-named Commissioners, shall fail or refuse to be present at the Time and Place herein prefix'd, not being hindred by Sicknes, or other unavoidable Accident, or being present shall refuse to proceed to the Executing the Power herein before given them, shall forfeit and pay One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; to be recovered in the County-court, and applied to the Use of the County where such Person shall reside, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; wherein no Esloyn, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

An ACT to prevent the Abuses of Concealing Convicted Felons, and other Offenders imported into this Province; and for the better Discovery of them.

WHEREAS by the Statute of the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King GEORGE the First, (of Glorious Memory) Entituled, *An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies, and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool, and for to declare the Law in some Points relating to Pirates,* It is Enacted and Provided, That where any Person, or Persons, should be Convicted of Offences (within the Benefit of Clergy) and liable to be Whipt, or Burnt in the Hand, or ordered to any Work-House; or that should be Convict of Grand or Petit Larceny, or any Felonious Stealing or Taking of Money, Goods, or Chattles, either from the Person, or the House of any Person, or any other Manner; and who, by the Law, should be entituled to the Benefit of Clergy, and liable only to the Penalties of Burning in the Hand, or Whipping; (except Persons convict for Receiving or Buying Stolen Goods, knowing them to be Stolen,) It should and might be lawful for the Court before whom they should be convicted, or any Court held at the same Place with the like Authority, if they should think fit, instead of ordering such Offenders to be Burnt in the Hand, or Whipt, to order and direct that such Offenders, as also such Offenders, in any Work-house as aforesaid, should be sent, as soon as conveniently might be, to some of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*, for the Space of Seven Years: And that Court before whom they should be convicted, or any subsequent Court, held for the same Place, with the like Authority as the former, should have Power to convey, transfer, and make over such Offenders, by Order of Court, to the Use of any Person, or Persons, who should contract for the Performance of such Transportation, to him or them, his or their Assigns, for the Term of Seven Years. And where

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