

Five Pounds Current Money, for the Satisfaction of the Remainder of his or their said Debt, in such Sort, Manner, or Form, as he or they might have done, if the Person of the said Prisoner so discharged as aforesaid, had never been taken in Execution: Any Act, Statute, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

### *An ACT against Ingrossers and Reqrators.*

**W**HEREAS, the Offences of Ingrossing and Reqrating are found mischievous and prejudicial to the Inhabitants of this Province; and the Act of Assembly formerly made against Ingrossers and Reqrators, not having had any good Effect, by the doubtful Expressions of what Persons might be adjudged Ingrossers and Reqrators, By Virtue thereof,

*BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That whatsoever Person or Persons within this Province, jointly or separately, from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, shall ingross or get into his, her, or their Hands or Possession, from any other Person or Persons, by Buying, Contracting, or Promise-taking, within this Province, any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever, or Servants, or Provisions, or Grain of any kind whatsoever, (Butchers, or Persons selling Meat at the Shambles excepted;) and shall sell the same, or cause the same to be sold again, within the Space of Six Months, for ready Tobacco, or for Tobacco to be paid the Shipping happening at the Time of such first Sale, or for Tobacco to be shipped for Payment, or securing the Payment of any Bill or Bills of Exchange, or for ready Money, or Bills of Exchange to be drawn for Payment of the said Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, shall be accepted, reputed, and taken for an unlawful Ingrosser and Reqrator, and shall incur such Forfeitures as are hereafter expressed: Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary hereof, in anywise, notwithstanding.*

*AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall hereafter offend in any the Things before recited, and shall be thereof sued, prosecuted, or impleaded, for such Offence, the Onus Probandi shall be on the Person or Persons so sued, prosecuted, or impleaded, to make it appear to the Court and Jury, where such Offences shall be tried, that the said Goods, Merchandizes, and Servants, were not purchased by him, her, or them, or for his, her, or their Use, and by him, her, or them, or by his, her, or their Direction, ~~and~~ for his, her, or their Use, disposed of, within the Times aforesaid: And if the said Person or Persons so sued, prosecuted, and impleaded, shall fail to make the same appear, he, she, or they, shall be deemed Ingrossers and Reqrators; and shall, for the first Offence, forfeit and pay the full Value of such Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, to be valued and adjudged by the said Court, with full Costs of Suit.*

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, If any Person or Persons being convicted of*  
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