

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,* That any Person who shall wittingly and advisedly swear or affirm falsely to any Account before any Provincial or County Justice, and shall be thereof lawfully convicted, by Confession or Verdict, shall suffer the same Pains and Penalties as in case of corrupt and wilful Perjury.

*An ACT for the Preservation of the Breed of Wild Deer.*

**W**HERAS it has been represented to this General Assembly, that the Species of Deer hath of late Years been very much lessen'd, occasion'd principally by the Inhabitants shooting, or otherwise destroying them, during the Time of the Female Deer being with young; and which evil Practice, if not put a Stop to, may in few Years entirely destroy the Species of Deer, to the great Damage of the good People of this Province: For Prevention whereof, it is prayed that it may be enacted,

*AND BE IT 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 it shall not, nor may be lawful for any Person or Persons within this Province, (the Indians in Amity with us excepted,) between the Fifteenth Day of *January*, and the last Day of *July*, in every Year, to kill any Deer, under the Penalty of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence to the Use of the Informer, to be recovered before a single Magistrate (as in Case of small Debts) by the Testimony of one sufficient Witness besides the Informer.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,* by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person in whose Hands or Custody any Deer's Flesh shall be found, that shall appear to have been killed between the Fifteenth Day of *January* and the last Day of *July*, shall be deemed, taken, and adjudged to be the Killer of such Deer, and liable to the Penalty aforesaid, unless such Person make appear before a Magistrate, who it was that really killed the same, or from whom such Person or Persons thereof possess, received the same.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,* by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that the Liberty given to the *Indians* aforesaid, shall extend only to the killing of Deer for their private Use, and not for Sale; and that it shall not be lawful for any Inhabitant within this Province, under the Penalty aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid, for the Uses aforesaid, to purchase any dead Deer, or any Part thereof of any *Indian* or *Indians*, within the Time prohibited by this Act to kill Deer in.