

*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 it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Judges in the said High Court of Appeals, as Judges on all Writs of Error, or Appeals, from the Courts of Common Law in this Province, as often as to them shall seem necessary for the better Administration of Justice, to continue any Appeal, or Writ of Error, now depending, or which hereafter shall be depending in the said Court, for the full Term or Time of Two Years, to be compleated from the End of the Appearance Court, and no longer; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary, in any-wise, notwithstanding.

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

**W**HEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly, That the Species of Deer hath of late Years been very much lessened, occasioned 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) from the End of this Session of Assembly, to the last Day of July, this present Year, and in every Year afterwards between the first Day of January, and the last Day of July, to kill any Deer, under the Penalty of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Deer so killed, to be recovered before a single Magistrate, (as in Cases of small Debts,) by the Oath of the Informer, and to be applied, the one half thereof to the Use of the Publick School of the County where such Offence shall be committed, the other half to the Use of the Person to informing.

*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 Deers Fleth shall be found, that shall appear to have been killed between the End of this present Session of Assembly, and the last Day of July this present Year, and in every Year afterwards, between the first 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 possessed, received the same.