

Indian Corn found on board any Vessel to be forfeited.

The Owner of such Corn to pay 3 s. for every Bushel so seiz'd.

Corn necessary for the Use of the Vessel, excepted.

Masters of Vessels to swear to the Quantity of Indian Corn on board.

Naval Officers to search Vessels, upon Information given.

Those who connive at, or cause to be carried out of this Province any Corn, by Waggons, or otherwise, to pay 5 s. for every Bushel.

out of this Province, from and after the aforesaid Twentieth Day of *November* next, until the First Day of *July* next, inclusive, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-three, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by the Naval Officer, Collector, or other Officer of the Customs, in the Port or District where the same shall be laden and put on board to be Exported, and as soon as possible exposed to public Sale; and moreover, that the Owner or Shipper of such Corn, so taken on board to be Exported, shall for every Bushel of such Corn so taken on board as aforesaid, in order to be Exported, forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Shillings Current Money of this Province, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, one Moiety of all, and every of which Forfeitures, shall be divided amongst the greatest Objects of Charity in the County where such Seizure shall be made, of which Objects, the major Part of the Justices of such County shall judge and determine; the other Moiety to the Informer, and Officer, or Officers, who shall inform, and seize the said Corn, and sue for the same.

*Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall extend, to restrain the taking on board any Ship or Vessel Indian Corn for the necessary Victualling such Ship or Vessel, during the Voyage, not exceeding Five Bushels for every Person belonging to, and on board such Ship or Vessel; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid*, That every Master, or Skipper, of any Ship or Vessel shall at the Time of his or their Clearing such Ship or Vessel, make Oath to the Quantity of the Indian Corn he, or they, have on board such Ship or Vessel, before the Naval Officer or Collector, and which Oath the said Naval Officer or Collector is, and are hereby impowered and obliged to Administer, before the Clearing of such Ship or Vessel.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That upon Information to be made to any Naval Officer or Collector within this Province, of Indian Corn taken on board any Ship or Vessel, to be Exported out of this Province, such Naval Officer or Collector is and are hereby obliged to search such Ship or Vessel, and if he or they shall discover any greater Quantities of Corn on board such Ship or Vessel, than is before by this Act permitted to be taken on board, for the necessary victualling such Ship or Vessel during the Voyage, or see other legal Cause, such Officer or Officers shall and are hereby obliged to seize such Corn, for the Uses in this Act before mentioned.

*And be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid*, That between the Twentieth Day of *November* next, and the First Day of *July* which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-three, all Persons whatsoever, who shall have the Property or Disposal of any Indian Corn, and who shall carry or cause to be carried, or shall permit, suffer, or connive at, the same being carried out of their Houses, Custody, or Possession, in order to be conveyed out of the Province, or into the Counties of *Newcastle, Kent, or Sussex* upon *Delaware*, or any Parts of the said Counties now under the