

of any Court or Courts within this Province, shall issue or make out any Execution upon such Judgment: And that during the Continuance of this Act, no Judgments shall be entered on any Judgment-Bonds, for Money, to be taken after the End of this Session of Assembly, until the Court, Judge, or Justice, before whom a Judgment is or shall be offered to be entered up be satisfied that the Defendant or Defendants is or are actually run away; nor even then, unless the Plaintiff, or his Attorney in Fact, or one acquainted with the Transaction, makes Oath that the Bond was not passed for a Tobacco-Debt, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Deduction in Debts now due, if paid in inspected Tobacco.

*And be it further Enacted*, That all Debtors now owing Tobacco, their Executors and Administrators, shall, if they pay their Tobacco-Debts now due in inspected Tobacco at Warehouses, in Pursuance of this Act, be allowed by their several and respective Creditors, their Executors or Administrators, a Deduction of one fourth Part of their said Debts or Demands.

Of Debts due to Traders.

And forasmuch as several, or most, of the Traders within this Province keep their Books in Money, tho' in truth their Dealings have been for Tobacco, and that the Intention both of Creditor and Debtor hath been, that the Payment should be made in Tobacco: *Be it therefore Enacted*, That in all such Cases the Creditor shall be paid in Tobacco, at the general Rates such Creditor dealt, at the time such Contract was made: And according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, deducting from such Debts one fourth Part of the Demands as aforesaid, in case the Creditor be paid in inspected Tobacco.

Time limited for superseding Executions.

And whereas, the Time limited for superseding Executions is now to the tenth Day of *February*, and that it cannot be expected that the Warehouses directed by this Act can be built, so as to receive Tobacco; nor that Debtors can have their Tobacco ready to be inspected by that Time; for the first Year this Act takes place: *Be it therefore Enacted*, That where any Judgment or Judgments shall be for Tobacco, and shall be superseded after the tenth Day of *May*, One thousand seven hundred and forty-eight, no Execution or Executions shall issue on any such Judgment or Judgments 'til after the first Day of *May*, One thousand seven hundred and forty-nine.

Encouragement for cultivating and manufacturing Flax and Hemp.

And whereas, by the Difficulties attending our Trade, occasioned through Means of War, our own Export to, as well as the Importation of *European* Goods from, our Mother Country *Great-Britain*, has of late been greatly impeded, whereby the Wants and Necessities of many People have put them on sowing Flax and Hemp, and manufacturing the same, as well as raising other Materials for supplying their Need: And whereas, the excessive Quantity of Tobacco made, may in some measure depreciate that Branch of Trade: In order, therefore, to encourage the laudable End of manufacturing Hemp, Flax, and other proper Materials for the necessary Cloathing and Use of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province, and to divert Part of the People from labouring in Tobacco, *Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid*, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, not making Tobacco by themselves, Servants, or Slaves, within this Province, to pay, at or before the tenth Day of *April*, yearly, or as the Business or Services they may want in any of the Offices shall be done during the Continuance of this Act, as well the Poll-Tax due to the Clergy, as all Lawyers and Officers Fees, and Assessments for building or repairing Churches, in the Current Money of this Province, rating Tobacco at twelve Shillings and six Pence Current Money per hundred Pounds, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity; and that such Payment, or Tender thereof and Refusal, shall be a full Satisfaction and Discharge for the same, tho' charged in Tobacco; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom, or any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

Proviso.

*Provided always*, That every Person or Persons allowed by this Act to pay Money instead of Tobacco due as aforesaid, shall make Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, That he doth not, by himself, or Children, Servants, or Slaves, make any Tobacco for Sale.