

This Act to continue until the twenty-fifth Day of December, which shall be in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty.

Continuance  
of this Act

An Act for the more effectual destroying Squirrels and Crows in the Counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot; and for destroying red Foxes in the said Counties.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this present General Assembly, That in the Counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot, the Laws heretofore made for the destroying of Squirrels and Crows have been found ineffectual; and further, That red Foxes have been found to be greatly injurious to the Inhabitants of those several and respective Counties. Wherefore it is prayed that it may be Enacted,

Preamble.

And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, every Person in the said Counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot, who shall bring to any Justice of the Peace of the aforesaid Counties the Heads or Scalps of any more Squirrels or Crows, than the Three required to be brought in for each Taxable, by an Act entituled, *An Act to encourage the Destroying of Wolves, Crows, and Squirrels*, shall for every such Head or Scalp be allowed, in the Levy of any of the aforesaid Counties, where such Squirrel or Crow shall be killed, the Quantity of two Pounds of Tobacco; and the Justice of the Peace before whom such Scalp or Head shall be brought, is hereby required to give the Persons bringing the same a Certificate thereof, and cause the said Heads and Scalps to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

Two Pounds  
of Tobacco to  
be allowed for  
each Crow or  
Squirrel above  
the three for  
each Taxable.

And be it further Enacted, That every Person who shall kill or destroy any red Fox in any of the aforesaid Counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, or Talbot, and shall bring the Head of the same to any Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid Counties, who is hereby required to burn or otherwise destroy the same, and give the Person so bringing such Fox's Head a Certificate thereof; shall be allowed for every such Head, in the County Levy, the Quantity of twenty Pounds of Tobacco.

Twenty  
Pounds of To-  
bacco allowed  
for each red  
Fox killed.

Provided always, That no Person whatsoever, other than those who shall be Residents in the aforesaid Counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot, shall be intitled to such Rewards as is herein before directed; nor any such Residents, until he, she, or they shall first make Oath before a Justice of the Peace, or Affirmation (if a Quaker), or make appear by the Oath, or Affirmation (if a Quaker), of some other credible Person, that such Crow, Squirrel, or Fox was, to his, her, or their Knowledge, or the Knowledge of such other credible Person, actually killed after the Commencement of this Act, and in the County where the Allowance is prayed.

Proviso.

Provided always, That the said several Sums herein before mentioned to be allowed for every such Squirrel's Scalp, Crow's or Fox's Head, shall and may be collected, paid, and discharged by the Inhabitants of the said Counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot, respectively, as other Public and County Levies are collected, paid, and discharged.

Proviso.

This Act to continue for three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said three Years.

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