

Answers to be
put in in Four
Months.

VII. *BE it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That where any Bill shall be hereafter filed in the Court of Chancery of this Province, to compel the Payment of such Monies or Tobacco as shall or may be due on any Mortgage, and for Non-Payment thereof to foreclose the Mortgagor of his Equity of Redemption, in Case the Mortgagor shall not put in a compleat Answer to such Bill, in Four Months after he shall be served with a *Subpœna*, and the Return thereof, that then, and in such Case, such Bill shall be taken *pro Confesso*, and such Decree shall be made thereupon as is usual in Cases wherein the Mortgagor answers to, and admits all, the Matters charged in the Bill to be true.

A longer
Time may be
granted, in
Case, &c.

VIII. *PROVIDED always,* That in Case such Mortgagor shall shew good and sufficient Cause, at the next Appearance Court after Service of the *Subpœna*, or at any Time after the said Appearance Court, and before the Expiration of Four Months after the Return of such *Subpœna*, why he should be allowed a longer or further Time for putting in his Answer, then, and in such Case, the Chancellor shall and may give such Mortgagor such further or longer Time for putting in his Answer, as the Nature of the Case may require; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Continuance.

IX. *THIS Act* to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

An Act for repairing the Public Roads in this Province.

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, That the erecting and making Mill-Dams on Branches, where formerly the main or public Roads passed, and the Narrowness of such Dams, and the Flood-Gates to the same, have been a great Obstruction and Hindrance to Carriage, and travelling on the public Roads: For Remedy whereof, it is prayed that it may be Enacted,

Roads to be
made good,
and 12 Feet
wide, where
Mill Dams
are built, and
Bridges, and
to be kept in
good Repair.

II. *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 where any Person or Persons have built or shall build, a Mill or Mills on any Branch or Run, where any public or main Road crossed, or shall cross, and have erected or shall erect, any Dam for such Mill or Mills, such Person or Persons, or the Owner, Possessor, or Occupier, of such Mill or Mills shall, and they are hereby obliged to make the Top of the said Dam Twelve Feet wide at the least, and make good and sufficient Bridges over the Waste and Race of the said Mills and Dams, and the same keep in good Repair: And where any Mill hereafter to be erected shall obstruct any public Road, and it shall be thought convenient by the Justices of the said County Court, where such Mill is so erected, that the said public Road shall pass below the Dam of the said Mill, or where such public Road now passes below the Dam of any such Mill or Mills, that then, and in every such Case, the Owner or Owners, Possessor or Occupier, of such Mill or Mills, shall, and they are hereby required to raise and make a good and sufficient Causeway across the Branch on which the said Mill is built, Twelve Feet wide, and make a good and substantial Bridge over the Tail of the said Mill, and the same keep in good Repair; and if the Owner or Owners, Possessor or Occupier, of any such Mill or Mills, shall refuse or neglect to do what is by this Act required, and shall be thereof legally convicted, he, she, or they, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current Money; the one Half thereof to be applied towards defraying the Charge of the County, where such Neglect or Refusal shall happen, the other Half to him, her, or them, that shall inform

Penalty on
Neglect.