Acts of Assembly passed in May, 1756.

mission of Two Pounds Ten Shillings per Cent. which said Tax, and all Fines and Forseitures in Virtue of this Act, paid to the Commissioners aforesaid, shall be by them retained, to be destroyed as herein is directed.

Penalty on the Owners of Billiard-Tables, for refusing to give Account.

LXIX. AND be it further Enacted, That every Owner or Keeper of a Billiard-Table, who shall refuse or neglect, on Demand of the Constable, to give under his Hand an Account thereof, such Owner or Keeper, so refusing or neglecting, shall forseit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money, as afore said, to be recovered in a summary Way, before any Justice of the Peace of the County where such Offence shall happen; and every Constable, who shall omit or neglect to take and return an Account or List, as aforesaid, of every such Billiard-Table, shall forseit and pay for every such Billiard-Table, so omitted or neglected to be returned, the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money, as aforesaid, to be recovered in a summary Way as aforesaid; and every Justice of the Peace, before whom such Convictions shall happen, shall, and is hereby authorized and required to receive the same Fines, and to make Payment thereof to the Sherist of his respective County, and take his Receipt for the same, and shall transsmit to the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid, at or before the twentieth Day of October yearly, a List under his Hand of all Fines, so by him received, and what Commitments he has made for Non-payment. And in Case Judgment shall be given by such Justice against such Offender, and the said Fines shall not be immediately paid, such Justice is hereby required to commit the said Offender into the Custody of the Sherist, there to remain until he shall pay and satisfy the same, with Costs.

40s. a Piece to be paid for all Hories, &c. brought from other Governments.

LXX. AND be it further Enacted, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, either residing or coming and trading within this Province, to sell, barter, or exchange, any Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, brought from any other Colony into this Province, without first having entered the same with the Clerk of the County, into which such Person or Persons shall first bring such Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, and paid to the said Clerk for every such Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, the Sum of Forty Shillings Current Money, in Bills of Credit, established by this or any former Act of Assembly of this Province; and the Clerk, with whom such Entry is made, as aforesaid, shall, and is hereby obliged to give to the Person or Persons, making the same, a Certificate under his Hand and the Seal of the County, of such Entry and Payment, expressing therein the Number of Horses, Mares, Colts, or Geldings, so entered, and describing as nearly as may be, the natural and artificial Marks of the said Horses, Mares, Colts or Geldings; for which Certificate, such Person or Persons shall, and they are hereby obliged to pay unto the said Clerk, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence Current Money.

If brought by Water to be entered with the Naval Officer.

LXXI. AND be it further Enacted, That every Master of a Vessel or other Person, importing into this Province, by Water, except from Great-Britain, any Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, shall, and is hereby obliged to enter the same with the Naval Officer of the Port where such Vessel shall be entered, and pay unto such Naval Officer the Duty. as aforesaid, for each Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, so imported; and the said Naval Officer shall give unto such Master of a Vessel or other Person, a Permit for the Sale of such Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding.

Penalty for felling without a Certificate, or Permit.

LXXII. AND be it likewise Enacted, That if, after the End of this Session of Assembly, any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall be found travelling with any Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, or Horses, Mares, Colts, or Geldings, brought from any other Colony into this Province, to be sold, bartered, or exchanged, without a Certificate as aforesaid, or any Master of a Vessel or other Person, importing any Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, as aforesaid, shall be sound offering to sell, barter, or exchange, the same, without having first obtained a Permit as aforesaid, all and every such Person and Persons shall forseit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money, as aforesaid, for every Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, so offered to be sold, bartered, or exchanged; one Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same; the other Half to be paid to the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid, and applied as herein after directed; to be recovered before one Magistrate in a summary Manner.

LXXIII. AND whereas it is convenient for the Collection of the Land-Tax, that his Lordship's Rent-Roll-Keeper should deliver Copies of the Rent-Rolls to the several Receivers and Collectors of the Tax in the several Counties, in this Province, for the ascertaining the Quantity of Lands in each County, whereon such Tax is laid; we therefore pray that it may be enacted,

A Land-Tax of 1s. on each Hundred Acres.

LXXIV. AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person or Persons holding any Tract or Parcel of Land, within this Province, in an Estate of Freehold at the least, shall, and he, she, or they, are hereby directed and required to pay to the Receiver or Collector of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Quit-Rents, for the Time being, for the County where such Lands lie, yearly and every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, by even and equal Portions, at Michaelmas and Lady-Day (the first Payment whereof to begin and be made on or before the twenty-ninth Day of September next ensuing), the Sum of One Shilling Current Money for every Hundred Acres (and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity), for which such Person or Persons is or are charged on the Debt-Book or Debt-Books for Quit-Rents, delivered or to be delivered by the Rent-Roll-Keepers to such Receiver or Collector, or which he shall discover, and for all which such Person or Persons is or are liable to pay Quit-Rents: And that all Papists, or reputed Papists, of the Age of eighteen Years or upwards, holding Land as aforefaid, who shall refuse or neglect to take the several Oaths to the Government, and sign the Oath of Abjuration and the Test, now by Law established, being tendered to him, her, or them, by the said Receiver or Collector (who is hereby impowered and directed to offer and administer the same), shall pay to the sald Receiver or Collector, by even and equal Portions, on Michaelmas and Lady-Day aforesaid, the further Sum of One Shilling Current Money for every Hundred Acres (and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity) charged or discovered, and liable to be paid Quit-Rents for as aforesaid. And in Case of Default in Payment of the faid Taxes, at or before the respective Times aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and

On Papists Land 2 Tax of 2 s, per Hundred,