

thousand seven hundred and fifty-three, built, or shall hereafter build or erect, any Mill on any Branch or Run below the Places where public or main Roads did or shall cross such Branch or Run, and by the building and erecting of such Mill, or the Dam for the same, the public or main Road which crossed or shall cross the Branch or Run as aforesaid, is or shall be any Way hurt or injured, or the Passage therein any Way obstructed or rendered difficult or incommodious, such Person or Persons, or the Owner, Possessor, or Occupier, of such Mill or Mills shall, and they are hereby obliged, by the last Day of *October* next, where such Mill or Mills have already been built, or within three Months after the building of any other Mill or Mills, stopping or impeding the Course of the Water as aforesaid, to make good and sufficient Bridges and Causeways, twelve Feet wide at the least, over the said Branches or Runs, at the Places where the public or main Roads crossed such Branches as aforesaid, and the same Bridges maintain and keep in good Repair, under the Penalty of Twenty Pounds Current Money, and the like Sum for every two Months Neglect thereafter; one half thereof to be applied towards defraying the Charge of the County where such Neglect shall happen, the other half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record, within this Province, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Impar lance, shall be allowed.

The Owners of Mills to build Bridges over Runs where the main Roads cross such Runs.

III. *PROVIDED*, That such Person or Persons, Owner or Owners, Possessor or Occupier, of such Mill or Mills, shall not be obliged to send his or their taxable Persons, who shall reside in the Precinct of such public Road, to work on any Part of such Road, except on such Bridge and Causeway as aforesaid.

Proviso.

IV. *THIS* Act to be in Force during the Continuance of the above recited Act, and no longer.

Continuance.

An Act for preventing *Indians* disaffected to the *British* Interest in *America* from coming into this Province as Spies, or on any other evil Design.

I. **W**HEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly, that *Indians*, not in Friendship or Alliance with his Majesty's Subjects, and especially some of those *Nanticoke Indians*, who some Years ago left their usual Place of Residence, and went to the Westward, have lately fixed Cabbins, under Pretence of hunting in different Places of this Province, where they have behaved very insolently, and have even intimated that they have been active in some of the horrid Cruelties committed last Summer by the Savages on the Frontiers of the neighbouring Provinces. And as it is apprehended that no strange *Indian* would, at this Time of open War, come into this Province, unless with a View to get Information, and give Intelligence to our Enemies, or on some other ill Design: In order, therefore, to discover any such who may be lurking about hereafter,

Preamble.

II. *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 the several Constables of the respective Hundreds wherein any *Indian* Town, within this Province, doth lay, shall, before the twentieth Day of *June* next, and so Yearly and every Year, go to the *Indian* Town or Towns, within his Hundred, and require the chief *Indian* or Great Man of the said Town, to give him an exact Account of the Names both *Indian* and *English*, Sexes, and Ages of all the *Indians*, belonging to the said Town; and the said Constable, from such Account, shall make a fair List, distinguishing each Sex and Age by different Columns, that is to say, Men, Women, Boys, and Girls, and their respective Ages, and the same shall deliver to the Clerk of the respective County, who shall enter the same among his Land-Records without Fee or Reward. And if the chief *Indian* or Great Man of the Town, shall, upon Application of the Constable, refuse or delay to give an Account as aforesaid, the Constable shall immediately inform the Chief Justice of the County wherein such Town shall lay, who shall issue his Warrant to the said Constable to take such chief *Indian* or Great Man, and bring him before him to answer for such Refusal or Delay; and if the said *Indian* Chief or Great Man shall not give the said Justice a satisfactory Reason for such Refusal or Delay, the said Justice is hereby required to commit such *Indian* Chief or Great Man to Prison, there to remain until he shall give such Account, and pay the Fees arising on such Commitment.

Constables to take an exact List of the Names, &c. of all *Indians* within their Hundreds.

III. *AND* be it further Enacted, That when any *Indian* shall have Occasion to go from the Town to which he or she belongs, he or she shall apply to some Justice of the Peace of the County wherein such Town shall lay for a Pass, who is hereby obliged to give one without Fee or Reward, wherein shall be expressed such *Indian's* Name both *Indian* and *English* and Age, the Town to which he or she belongs, and an accurate personal Description, to which Pass the County Clerk shall make the proper Certificate and affix the County Seal, without Fee or Reward. And if any Person shall discover an *Indian*, without such Pass as aforesaid, ten Miles distant from the Town to which he or she belongs, it shall and may be lawful for such Person to seize such *Indian*, and carry him or her before the next Justice of the Peace, who shall commit such *Indian* to Prison, unless he or she can make appear to what Town he or she properly belongs, there to remain until he or she can fully make appear the same; and when such *Indian* shall have made appear to such Justice that he or she does belong to some one Town in this Province, or is in Friendship and Alliance with his Majesty's Subjects of *America*, then the said Justice is hereby required to make out his Warrant to the Sheriff to discharge such *Indian*, and the Fees arising due to the said Sheriff, on such Commitment, shall be assessed in the public Levy of this Province.

Indians not to travel ten Miles distant from the Town to which they belong, without a Pass.

IV. *PROVIDED*, That nothing in this Act shall be deemed or construed to hinder or restrain any *Indian* or *Indians*, belonging to any of the *Six Nations*, from travelling or passing as Embassadors or Messengers

Proviso.

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