

tify the same with the true and real Value of the Sheep, or Damages sustained, and the Number killed or hurt, under their Hands. C H A P. XI.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever any Sheep within this Province, shall be killed or hurt by any Dog or Dogs, and it is known whose Dog or Dogs it was or were that did the Mischief, if the Owner or Possessor of such Dog or Dogs shall neglect or refuse to kill the same, Twenty-four Hours after Notice given thereof, or to make Satisfaction to the Person or Persons so injured, after Demand made, it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons so injured, to get the Value of the Sheep, or the Damages, certified by two creditable Freeholders as aforesaid, whose Certificate shall be deemed and held to be sufficient Evidence of the Fact certified as aforesaid, and commence his, her, or their Action or Actions, against the Owner or Possessor of such Dog or Dogs, before any single Justice of the Peace of the County if Fifty Shillings or under; and if upwards, in the County Court of the County where the Damage was done, if the Owner or Possessor aforesaid, shall not reside in another County within this Province; and if he or she shall reside in another County, before a single Justice of the County wherein he or she shall reside, if Fifty Shillings or under, or if above that Sum, in the County Court of the County wherein the said Owner or Possessor shall reside, and recover the same with Costs of Suit.

Sheep kill'd or hurt by Dogs, the Damage to be made good by the Owner of such Dogs.

Such Damages how Recover'd.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That if the Owner or Keeper of any Bitch, shall, whilst she is Proud or in Heat, suffer her to go at large from the limits of his, her, or their own Plantation or Tenement, or the Plantation or Tenement whereon he, she, or they usually keep such Bitch, such Owner or Keeper shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings Current Money, for every such Offence; to be recovered before a single Justice of the Peace, with Costs, as in case of small Debts, one Half thereof to the Informer, the other Half to be paid to the Sheriff of the County, for the same Uses as the Tax raised by virtue of this Act.

Penalty for suffering Proud Bitches, to go at Large.

V. And be it further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons, shall find any Dog killing or worrying, or running after and pursuing his, her, or their Sheep, Hogs, or other Stock, within their own Inclosures, it shall and may be lawful for them, immediately to kill the same Dog or Dogs, and if it can be proved by any disinterested Evidence, that such Dog had before killed or worried any Sheep, Hogs, or other Stock as aforesaid, and the same came to the Knowledge of the Owner or Possessor thereof, then and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons injured, to get the Value of the Sheep or Damages, certified as above, and commence his or their Action for the Recovery thereof, as aforesaid.

Dogs worrying Sheep, Hogs, &c. may be killed.

VI. And whereas it may often happen, that Sheep or Hogs may be killed and destroyed by idle, loose, or disorderly Persons, hunting and rambling about on other Peoples Lands, with a Dog or Dogs, Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any idle, loose, or disorderly Person, shall be hereafter seen hunting or strolling about with a Dog or Dogs upon any Persons Land, without the Owners Leave, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings Current Money for every such Offence; to be recovered before a single Justice of the Peace, by Warrant, as in Case of small Debts with Costs, one Half thereof to the Informer, the other Half to be paid to the Justice before whom such Recovery shall be had, and to be by him paid over to the Sheriff of the County, for the same Uses as the Tax raised by virtue of this Act.

Persons rambling on Lands, &c. with Dogs, forfeit 20 s.

VII. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Sheriffs of each County, shall keep an exact Account of all the Monies they shall