

and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That during the Continuance of the said recited Act, every Master, Mistress, or Head of a Family, not living within any City or Town within this Province; shall be allowed to own and keep Two Dogs, such as the said Act describes, at any one Plantation, Tax-free; and that for every other Dog, so owned or kept by any Master, Mistress, or Head of a Family, not being within any City or Town, as aforesaid; and also for every Dog, more than one, so owned or kept by any Master, Mistress, or Head of a Family living within any City or Town; and for every Dog so owned or kept by any single Person, not being a Freeholder, or having or keeping a Family there, shall be paid yearly, and every Year, Five Shillings, in Lieu and Stead of the One Shilling directed to be paid by the said recited Act. The said Five Shillings per Dog, so to be paid, to be levied, collected, and applied in the same Manner, and to the same Uses and Purposes, as the said One Shilling per Dog was by the said recited Act directed; any Thing in the said recited Act, or any other Law; Usage; or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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Heads of Families in the Country may keep Two Dogs Tax-free, &c. In a Town, One.

Other Dogs to be Taxed Five Shillings.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be the Duty of the Constables, and they are hereby directed and required, instead of taking and returning an Account of the Number of Dogs more than One, owned or kept by any Master, Mistress, or Head of a Family, in their respective Hundreds, to return only the Number of Dogs, more than Two, that shall be owned or kept by any Master, Mistress, or Head of a Family, at any one Plantation in their respective Hundreds, and not of such Families as are within any City or Town within this Province, the said recited Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Direction to Constables in taking in the Dog-Tax.

IV. And whereas it is represented, that the keeping of Fox-Hounds, for destroying Foxes, is useful and necessary, and that therefore they should be allowed to be kept Tax-free, provided the Owners will keep them either Coupled or Kenelled, and not suffer them to go loose and at large: Be it therefore Enacted, That notwithstanding any Thing in the before recited Act, or this Act, to the contrary, real Fox-Hounds shall be hereafter exempt from Tax; and it shall not be the Duty of the Owners to give them in, or of the Constable to return them.

Fox-Hounds may be kept free from Tax.

V. And be it further Enacted, That if any such Fox-Hound shall be found uncoupled, and running at large, out of the Limits of the Land of the Owner of such Hound, unless when the Owner, or some other Person, by his Permission, is hunting with them, such Owner shall forfeit and pay Two Shillings and Six-pence for every such Offence, to be recovered before a single Justice of the Peace, by Warrant, with Cost. The said Forfeiture to be paid to the Justice before whom it is recovered, and by him paid to the Sheriff of the County, for the same Use as the Taxes raised by this, and the before recited Act, are applied.

In case of Fox-Hounds running at large, except, &c.

VI. And be it also Enacted, That if any such Fox-Hound, so as aforesaid, running at large, shall kill or hurt any Sheep, or shall be found killing or worrying, running after and pursuing any Sheep, Hogs, or other Stock, such Hound may be immediately killed with Impunity, and the Owner of such Hound shall be liable to an Action by the Party grieved, to recover his Damages against such Owner, for such Injury done, and full Costs of Suit.

Hounds doing Damage, may be kill'd, and the Owner to pay Damages.

VII. And be it further Enacted, That every single Person, of the Age of Twenty-one Years, being a Freeholder, and not having or keeping a Family, shall be allowed to keep One Dog Tax-free, any Thing in the aforesaid recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Single Freeholders allow'd One Dog.

VIII. This Act to continue, and be in Force for and during the Continuance of the before recited Act, and no longer.

Duration.