

For every half Acre that shall fall short of so planting and tending to the publick Use provided that Persons showing Just and lawfull Cause why he should not plant and attend such Corn as aforesaid such Persons shall be Relieved herein according as the Court shall think fit and every Constable within his limits shall take one sufficient Able man with him and shall view every mans Crop and for his pains therein shall be allowed and paid by every Offendor against this present Act fifty pounds of Tobacco for every Acre which he or they shall fall short of the Proportion aforesaid and to be divided betwixt the Constable and the Person so assisting him It is further Enacted that every Constable shall take view of all Persons Corn within their respective Limits between the Midst of July & the Midst of August and for every Family that shall be Neglected by the Constable as aforesaid the Constable shall pay fifty pounds of Tobacco to the publick use for every such default and if any Constable being lawfully Called or Required to that Office shall reject or refuse the same except he shew sufficient Cause he shall be Counted as an Offendor against the publick Weale of this Province & shall be punishable according to the Nature of the Offence in the Judgment and discretion of the Provinciall Court or whom they shall Impower for that purpose,

³³ An Act Concerning Striking Officers and other Offences

EVERY Person striking any Officer Juror or Witness in presence of the Court or striking any other Person with a drawn Weapon in presence of the Court or striking any Magistrate in or for doing his Office may be Judged to Lose his other right hand or to be burned in the hand