

An Act Concerning Regulating
of Attachments and Executions

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Whereas Divers Inhabitants of this Province have been burthened and Grieved with Attachments. It is Enacted and declared in the Name of his Highness the Lord Protector of England and with the Assent and Authority of this present Generall Assembly, that no attachment Shall or may be laid upon any the Goods or Chattells of any the Inhabitants of this Province Except the true owner thereof be not at the Same time resident or dwelling in the Province, or that the partie Indebted return a positive answer upon a Iust demand of any Iust debt, that he will not pay the Same debt and this to be proved by the Testimony of one Sufficient wittness upon oath of his refusall to pay the said debt or debts, That then Attachm^t may be served upon any Tobacco of the Debtor or Debtors denying paym^t as aforesaid, And whosoever Shall attach more then a fourth part over and above the value of the debt Shall bear the Damage of the Attachment and Damages of the partie.

And Be it Further Enacted that no Execucōn may or shall be laid upon the Goods and Chattells of any the Inhabitants or ^{p. 444} other Dwellers of this Province So farr as to deprive them of all Livelyhood for the future. But that corne for necessary maintenance and bedding, Gunn, Axe, Pott and necessary Laborius Toolles with Such like houshold Implements and amunition for Subsistance shall be protected from all attachments or Execution Soe long as he or they Shall be resident and inhabit within the Province Provided that such as shall be found by prooffe or other Circumstance willfully to absent themselves into the woods or other where from the Sheriffs Sight whereby they cannot be brought to a Legall Tryall And such also as shall be intended to depart or flee out of the Province to be averr'd upon oath Shall have no benefitt of this Law, But that Executions or Attachments may Issue forth upon all or any of their Goods and Chattells

An Act concerning Poppers Island

It is Enacted and declared in the Name of his highness the Lord protector of England &c and by the Authority of this present Generall Assembly That the Island commonly called Poppers Island Lying near unto the Island of Kent be adjoyned unto the County of Kent, and from hence forth be of all persons so accounted, and taken to be