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good people of this Prouince Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by and with the Assent of this present Generall Assembly that what person or persons soever shall forge or divulge any falce Reports (Tending to the trouble of the Prouince) hee or they shall be by the next Iustice of Peace sent for and bound over to the next County Court or the Prouinciall Court (where if the thing Related be materiall And that he produce not his author) he shall be fined two thousand pounds of Tobacco (or lesse if the Court shall thinke fitt to Lessen itt) And besides give bond with Security for his Behaiour (if itt appears to the Court that he did Maliciously publish or invent the same the one halfe to the Lord Proprietary and the other halfe to him or them that shall informe of the same To be Recovered in any Court of Record within this Prouince And further if any such Idle and Buss-headed person shall forge or Maliciously Publish or invent any falce Reports or tales of any of his Lordships Iustices of the Prouinciall Court (shall by the Iustice of peace to whom such Complaint be made be bound over to the next Prouinciall Court Butt if the offence be Comitted against any of the Iustices of any of the County Courts That then such person be bound over to the County Court where the same offence was Comitted in the severall and Respective Counties) to be fined or to Receive such Corporall punishment (not Extending to life or member) as to the Iustices of that Court shall seeme meete This Act to Endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly.

An Act for the makeing voyd and Punishing  
of all fraudulent Practices tending to  
the defrauding of Reall Purchasers  
and Creditors

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For as much as nothing is more destructive to trade or more pernicious to humane Society then the wicked and deceitfull practice in these dayes too much vsed for the defrauding the Lord and Proprietary his heeres and successors Lords and Proprietaryes of this Province of his and their Iust Rights Purchasers of their Iust titles and Estates by them truly and Really Purchased for Reall and valueable Consideracōns and Creditors of their Iust and Reall Securities and debts by Secrett fraudulent feigned voluntary and Covinous grants Alienacōns and Conveyances of lands and hereditaments as alsoe by feigned Covinous and fraudulent bills bonds accōns suites debts Iudgments Extents Seizures and Execucōns all which haue been and are accustomed to be devised Sett on foote and Continued and made vse of for the Ends before mencōned for the preventing and avoyding whereof Bee itt Enacted by his