

prejudice and grievance of the Good People of this Prouince For the preventing whereof for the future The Burgesses & Delegates of this present Generall Assembly pray that itt may be Enacted And be itt Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by & with the aduice and Consent of the upper & lower houses of this present Generall Assembly & the Authority of the same That from and after the first day of November next att every office or place where shippes and vessells are & shall be appointed to be entred & Cleered the Clerke of such office or person appointed for the entry and cleering of Shippes and Vessells shall administer an Oath to every master of Shipp when he comes to enter that he shall declare whither any Servant on board his shipp be felons Convicts as aforesaid And if itt shall appeare by his Oath that they are Such Then the said officer shall take good security of the said Master not to sell or Suffer the same to be sold given or any otherwayes disposed of in this Prouince but shall transport them and every of them out of this Prouince before he or his shipp depart out of this Prouince or in his owne Shipp when the same departs this Province.

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And itt is further Enacted by and with the advice & Consent aforesaid That noe master of a Shipp Marchant Saylor or any other person whatsoever shall presume to import into this Province any such Convicted felons or malefactors whatsoever to Sell give pay or any otherwayes or in any other manner to dispose of either vnto their own Plantacōn (if any they haue) or vnto any Inhabitant of this Province whatsoever

And Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any master of a Ship Marchant Saylor or other person whatsoever from and after the first day of November next shall import and bring into this Prouince any such Convicted Felons or malefactors & shall sell give pay or any other wayes dispose of vnto any Inhabitant of this Province such Felons or Malefactors as aforesaid shall forfeit & pay for every such Convicted Felon or Malefactor soe Imported sould given paid or any other wayes disposed of unto any Inhabitant of this Province the sūme of two Thousand pounds of Tobacco the one halfe to the Lord Proprietary the other halfe to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be Recovered by Bill plaint or Informacōn in any Court of Record within this Province wherein noe Essoyne Wager nor proteccōn in Law to be allowed This Act to Continue for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen.

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