

Session
Laws And be it Enacted, That all bonds or other Obligations under Hand and Seal, shall be assignable from one Person to another; and that the Assignee shall, and may, by Virtue of such Assignment, maintain an Action in his or her own Name, against the Obligee or Obligees; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Attorney being concerned for either Plaintiff or Defendant in any Cause of Equity, to be heard before the County-Courts aforesaid, shall have and receive more than One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for his Fee in any such Cause.

This Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly that shall happen after the End of the Three Years.

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Chap. XXI
[Wm Parks
compilation,
1727, p. 254]

An Act giving Encouragement to make Hemp within this Province. Forasmuch as the Tobacco-Trade is reduced to very mean Circumstances, and it is generally thought that the making of Hemp will be of great Use, not only to this Province, but to the Kingdom of Great-Britain, for supplying of Naval Stores,

p. 255 Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons, living or inhabiting within this Province, shall hereafter make, either by themselves, their Servants or Slaves, upon any the Lands or Plantations within this Province, any Quantity or Quantities of Hemp, and cause the same to be cleaned and made merchantable, they shall be allowed as a Bounty for their Encouragement, the Quantity of Fifty Pounds of Tobacco for every Hundred Weight of Hemp they shall so make, as aforesaid, and pro rata for a greater or lesser Quantity; to be levied (together with the Sheriffs Salary for collecting the same) by the Justices of the severall and respective County-Courts within this Province, by an equal Assessment upon the taxable Persons within that County where such Hemp shall be made, as aforesaid; and collected by the Sheriff of the County, as a Part of the County Levy, and by him to be paid to whomsoever it shall become due: And every Person as aforesaid, that shall make any Quantity of Hemp clean and merchantable, and want the Allowance aforementioned, for the same, such Person or Persons are hereby directed to apply themselves to any Justice of the Peace for the County where such Hemp shall be made, every which Justice (upon Application to him to be made as aforesaid) is hereby impowered and required to appoint some Person of honest Reputation, to go with the Person applying to him, to take a just and true Account of the Weight of all such Hemp that he craves Allowance for, and return the same