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do all things in and about the inquiry hearing Determining adjudging and punishing of any of the Crimes & offences aforesaid as any Commissioners to be appointed by Commission under the great Seale of England by Virtue of a Statute made in the 28<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> (Cap: 15) are Impowered to do and Execute within the Kingdom of England and that the said Offenders which are or shall be apprehended or brought Prisoners to this Province shall be Lyable to such Order Process Judgement and Execution by Virtue of such Commission to be grounded upon this Act as might be awarded or given against them as if they were proceeded against within the Realm of England by Virtue of any Commission granted upon the same Statute Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all and every person or persons That shall be Deemed and adjudged to be Privateers Pyrates or other Offenders within the Constitution of this Act And that shall not readily Endeavour to the best of his or their Power to apprehend or cause to be apprehended such Offender or Offenders shall be Lyable to be prosecuted as Accessarys and Confederates and to suffer such pains and penaltys as in such Case by Law is provided And for the better and more Effectuall Execution of this Act

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Comission Officers in their Severall precincts within this Province are hereby required & Impowered upon his or their Knowledge or Notice given That any Privateers Pyrates or other persons Suspected to be upon any unlawfull Designe or in any place within their Severall precincts to raise and leavy such a Number of well armed men as he or they shall think needfull for the seizing Apprehending & Carrying to Gaole all and every such person or persons and in Case of any resistance or refusall to Yeild Obedience to his Matys Authority it shall be Lawfull to Kill or Destroy such person or persons that shall opose or resist by striking or firing upon any of the Comanded Partyes shall be Deemed taken and adjudged as felons without benefitt of the Clergy and every such Officer that shall Omitt or neglect his Duty herein shall forfeitt Thirty pounds sterling for every such Offence to be recovered in his Matys Courts of Records within this Province By Bill Plaint or information wherein no Essoyne Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed one Moyety thereof to be to our Sovereigne Lord the King his heires and Successours for and Towards the suporte of the Government of this Province and the Contingent Charges thereof And the other moyety to the Informer that prosecutes or Sues for the same and all and every person and persons that upon Orders given him or them that shall refuse to repaire Imediately with his or their Arms well fixed and Amunition to such place or places as shall be appointed by the said Officer and not readily obey his Comands in the Execution of the premisses shall be Lyable to such fine or Corporall Punishment being Legally convicted thereof as the Justices of his Majesty's Provin-