

hereby impowered to administer the said Oath. And in case the said Master shall refuse the said Oath, or upon Suspicion of having Goods on board for which he hath not Cleared, it shall be lawful for the said Naval Officer to enter on board any such Ship or Vessel, and the same to search for any such Goods as aforelaid; any thing in this Act before mentioned notwithstanding.

C H A P. XLII.

of the Quality and Quantity of their Loading.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON.

N. B. The above Act (which has been carefully compared with the Original) is the same, *mutatis mutandis*, with that of 4 W. and M. 1692, ch. 4, excepting that in §. 2, the Words [For the Support of her Government, for the Time being] are in the former Act [For the Support of their Governor for the Time being.] And in §. 3, of this Act, there appears a manifest Chasm or Omission, owing to the Negligence of the Ingrosser or Transcriber of the Bill, and Inattention of the Assembly; the Passage in the Act of 1692 standing thus, [The said Duty, &c. shall be, &c. paid, &c. by the Masters or Master of every such Ship, &c. upon his or their Clearing, and taking out his or their Dispatch or Dispatches, for every such respective Ship or Vessel, and before the Departure of such Ship or Vessel from this Province. And that every Master of such Ship or Vessel, coming into this Province, shall, at their first Arrival here, and before their Loading on board any Goods, &c. give good and sufficient Security to his Excellency, &c.]

C H A P. XLIII.

An Act prohibiting the Importation of Bread, Beer, Flour, Malt, Wheat, or other English or Indian Grain, or Meal; Horses, Mares, Colts, or Fillies, or Tobacco, from Pennsylvania, and the Territories there belonging. Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 114. REP. 1715, ch. 49; and 1719, ch. 16. Passed 3d of October 1704.

This Act being made for 3 Years, was continued for 3 Years longer by the Acts of 1707, ch. 19; and 1710, ch. 11; and by 1713, ch. 22, was continued without Limitation. A new Act was made 1715, ch. 18.

C H A P. XLIV.

An Act for Limitation of certain Actions, for avoiding Suits at Law. Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 116. REP. 1715, ch. 49; and 1719, ch. 16. Ditto.

A new Law made 1715, ch. 23.

C H A P. XLV.

An Act for the more speedy conveying of Public Letters and Packets of this Province, and defraying the Charge thereof. Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 118. REP. 1710, ch. 2. Ditto.

C H A P. XLVI.

An Act for the Recording of all the Acts of Assembly of this Province in the Secretary's Office, as also transmitting of the Journal of the House of Delegates into the said Office. Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 120. REP. 1715, ch. 49; and 1719, ch. 16. Ditto.

A new Law made 1715, ch. 25.

C H A P. XLVII.

An Act for the Punishment of Blasphemy, profane Swearing and Cursing. Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 122. REP. 1715, ch. 49; and 1719, ch. 16. Ditto.

A new Law made 1715, ch. 34.

C H A P. XLVIII.

An ACT against Ingrossers and Regraters. Lib. LL. N° 3. fol. 124. Ditto.

A new Law was made 1729, ch. 17, whereby this Act of 1704 was Repealed: But the said Act of 1729, being repealed by the Act of 1735, ch. 12, (and consequently the repealing Clause therein,) the present Act emerges in its full Force and Virtue.

FORASMUCH as the Offences of Forestalling, Ingrossing and Regrating, are found mischievous and prejudicial to the Inhabitants of this Province; **Be it Enacted** by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That whatsoever Person or Persons, that from and after the Publication hereof, shall ingross, or get into his, her or their Hands, or Possession, by buying, contracting, or Promise-taking, within this Province, any Goods, or Merchandizes whatsoever, or Servants, to the Intent to sell the same again within the Space of Six Months, and the same, or any Part thereof, shall, within that Time, sell again for Ready Tobacco, or for Tobacco to be paid the Shipping happening at the Time of

Preamble:

Who shall be deemed unlawful Ingrossers and Regraters;