

Liber W. H. vexatious & vnjust suites of Law, Provided always that this Law nor any thing therein Contained shall bee Construed or extend to the benefitt of any person debto^r as aforesaid, either Runnaway out of this Province or willfully absconding himselfe wthin the same from his said Credito^{rs} butt that hee may bee proceeded ag^t as before this Law made, any thing in this Act to the Contrary thereof notwithstanding, This Act to Continue for Three yeares or to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly.

An Act for restraining the exportacōn
of Leather & Raw Hides Deare & Elke
Skins out of this province for the
encouragem^t of Tanners & Shoemakers.

Whereas itt is found by dayly experience that the exportacon of Leather Raw & vndressed Tanned & vntanned Hides, & deare & Elke Skinns, which are frequently exported & Carried out of this Province, tend much to the greate hinderance of all Tanners Shoemakers & other Tradesmen whose Trades are supported & Carryed on by Leather & soe necessary to bee encouraged & advanced for the good & benefitt of this Province, & all the Inhabitants thereof being of greate vse & Comōdity for Cloathing in this Province, for p^rvencon whereof for the future, The delegates of this p^rsent Generall Assembly doe pray that itt may bee enacted And bee itt enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Prop^{ty} of this Province by & with the advice & Consent of the vpper & Lower houses of this p^rsent Gen^l Assembly & the authority of the same that from & after the ffue & Twentieth day of december now next ensueing, what person or persons soeuer shall endeavour or attempt to export out of this Province either by Land or water any Raw Tannd or vntanned Hides dressed or vndressed Skinns whatsoever, of any Ox Steere Bull Cow Calfe Deare or Elke by Shipping the same on board any Shipp or vessell bound for any other porte or place, or Loading on horse backe or other Carriage by Land, for the intent & purpose as aforesaid shall for the ffirst offence forfeite all such Skinns or Hides soe attempted to bee exported or Carried out of this Province as aforesaid, & Likewise the sume of Twenty Shillings sterling
p. 177 for euery Skinn or Hide as aforesaid, And for the Second offence hee or they Transgressing as aforesaid shall forfeite all such Skinns or Hides soe attempted as aforesaid, & the sume of fforty Shillings Sterl for euery Skinn & Hide as aforesaid, & for euery offence after that hee or they Transgressing as aforesaid shall forfeite all such Skinns & Hides as alsoe the