

Bacon cation and Exemption to the Owner of such Negroes, from paying the Impositions on Negroes aforementioned: And such Owner is hereby obliged to pay the Naval Officer for every such Entry, Bond and Certificate, the usual Fees allowed them by Act of Assembly.

III. And forasmuch as it may so happen, that upon the Death of the Owners of Negroes entered and exempted from paying the Duties as aforesaid, such Negroes may fall into the Hands of the Executors or Administrators, within the Time above limited, who may be under a Necessity of selling and disposing of such Negroes, that then, in every such Case, such Executor or Administrator, first paying to the Naval Officer of the said Port the Imposition Money of Twenty Shillings Sterling, and Twenty Shillings Currency, laid on Negroes by the aforementioned Acts, and taking a Permit from such Naval Officer, may, within the Time by this Act limited, sell and dispose of such Negroes; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. And for removing any Doubts or Disputes that may hereafter arise concerning the Persons who shall be taken for, and deemed Inhabitants of this Province, so as to reap the Benefit and Advantage of the several Laws as Inhabitants; It is hereby Declared, That no other Person is hereby intended, but such as have actually lived and inhabited within this Province for the full Term of Three Years; and that they only shall reap the Benefits and Advantages as aforesaid, in their own Right, and not otherwise. The Privileges allowed by this Act always excepted.

Chap. XIV An Act to limit the Continuance of Actions in several Courts within this Province; and ascertaining the Manner of taking the Evidence of Seafaring Men; and for granting Appeals from the Chancery Court to the Governor and Council.

Whereas it is represented as an Aggrievance, the dilatory Proceedings and Continuances of Actions, in Several of the Courts of this Province; For Remedy whereof for the future; Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That all Actions now depending in any of the Courts of Law within this Province, as well as all other Actions to be commenced, may be continued to the End of the Fourth Court after the Appearance Court in any of the Courts aforesaid, and no longer, (except in Causes where Evidences are wanted from beyond Sea which is left to the