

of Spite and Mallice, then for Just Cause, And not setting the cause of the said Accōn in the Originall Writt, and yet lay damages to a vast Sum on a spitefull purpose, to deterr any friends of the person arrested from being his Bayle, because it dos not appear to such freind of the arrested person what the cause of Accōn is, Bee it therefore Enacted by the Kings Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice & consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same, that in all Accōns of Trespass upon the Case where damages are laid to be above four Thousand pounds of Tobbacco there shall togeather with the Writt be sent a true Coppy of the Declaracōn & left with the Deff^t expressing the true cause of Accōn, that thereby the freinds of the party arrested who are willing to be Bayle for him, may know the said cause, And if such Coppy be not delivered and left with the Deff^t, the Sheriff or any other Officer having authority to serve such writt shall not require a Bayle Bond of the Deff^t for above the suñ of Eight Thousand pounds of Tobbacco although damages be laid in the Writt for any greater suñ whatsoever, in paine that every Sheriff or other Officer aforesaid Exacting a greater bond contrary to this Act shall forfitt the suñ of four Thousand pounds of Tobacco, one Moiety to his Maj^{ty} his heirs & Successors for the time being for the use of the Free Schoole the other halfe to the party greived to be recovered by Accōn of Debt Bill Plaint or Informacōn in any Court of Record within this Province wherein noe Essoyne protection or Wager of Law be allowed this Act to endure for three years or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen.

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An Act for the better Clearing the Roades and directing all Travellers Travelling through this Province.

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Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maj^{ty} by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same, that all publick and maine Roades be hereafter cleared and grubbed fitt for Travalling Twenty foote wide and good and Substantiall Bridges made over all heads of Creeks and Branches where need shall require at the discretion of the Justices of the County Courts, and for the better ascertaining and knowing what are or shall be deemed Publick Roades, Be it likewise Enacted that the Justices of the County Courts, shall once Every year sett downe and ascertain in their records what are the Publick Roades of that County, and when they have soe done, shall send the Coppy thereof to his Excellency the Govern^r or Commander in Cheife. and Councill, and that no Person whatsoever shall allter or change any such Publick Road without the Leve or Licence of the Govern^r & Councill or the Justices of the County Courts, under the penallty of five hundred pounds of Tobbacco, And for the preventing of any neglect of any Overseers of the high Ways or for punishing the same, the Justices of the severall Countys within this Province are hereby