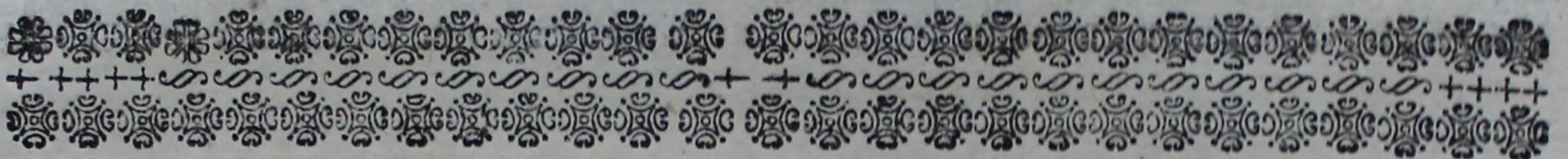


Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, by Warrant from such Justice, if Payment be not made within *four Days* next after Conviction as aforesaid. And every such Register shall give forth from the Registry a fair Certificate under his Hand, of Persons married, born, or dying in the Township, to any who shall desire the same; and he shall receive *one Shilling* and no more, for every Certificate so given.

And be it also further enacted, That the Registry so kept, shall be sufficient Evidence in any Court of Record within this Province.



An Act for preventing Damages by unseasonable burning, or firing of the Woods.

HERE AS setting on Fire the Woods, and Underbrush, in the dry Season of the Year, by spreading, has done much Damage in the burning Houses, Fences, Hay, &c. And whereas in the present Situation of the new Settlements, it may be necessary, that such Regulations should be made, as will be most convenient and useful for clearing the Lands with the least Risk,

Be it therefore enacted, by the Honourable the Commander in Chief, Council & Assembly, That the Justices in the several Counties within this Province, in their Quarter Sessions to be next held in *March*, for the said Counties, shall give it in Charge to the Grand Juries, then and there summoned, to affix and settle such Regulations within their respective Counties, as they may judge most proper and convenient, to be observed and followed by the several Inhabitants within the said Counties, for preventing Damage by setting Fire to, and burning the Woods, Underbrush, or Marsh Lands at unseasonable Times, with as little Prejudice as possible to the clearing of Lands in the new Settlements. And such Rules and Regulations as shall be approved of by the Justices of the said Sessions, shall be, and are hereby declared to be the Stated Rules to be kept, observed, and followed by the Inhabitants of the said several Counties, for and during the Space of *Twelve Months* thereafter.

And be it further enacted, That the said Justices, shall in like manner

ner at their annual Sessions thereafter to be held in *March*, proceed and give in Charge to the several Grand Juries in manner aforesaid, and settle and approve of such Rules and Regulations for the Purposes aforesaid, to serve for the Year then next ensuing, as to them shall appear most proper and convenient.

And be it also enacted, That the said several Justices in their Quarter Sessions as aforesaid, shall be and are hereby impowered, to settle and appoint such Pains and Penalties to be inflicted upon the Person or Persons, who shall neglect or refuse to obey the Rules and Regulations so to be settled at the said Annual Sessions of the Peace, as to them shall appear to be just and equitable.

Provided, That such pecuniary Penalties to be inflicted, shall not exceed the Sum of *Five Pounds*; and that the Prosecution for any Offence against this Act, be commenced and prosecuted within the Space of *Three Months* after the Offence committed.



An Act to prevent the spreading of contagious Distempers.

E *it Enacted by the Honourable the Commander in Chief, the Council, and Assembly*, That every Vessel coming into the Port of *Halifax*, having any Person on board infected with any Plague, Small-Pox, Malignant Fever, or other contagious Distemper, shall Anchor at least *Two Miles* below the Town of *Halifax*, towards the Sea, and on her Anchoring shall hoist an Ensign with the Union downwards at the Maintop-Mast-Head; and the Master thereof, shall not permit any of the Mariners or Passengers belonging to or coming in such Vessel, to Land: And the said Master shall be obliged, within *Twenty four Hours* after his Arrival, to give Notice thereof to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, of the State, Condition, and Number of the Sick Persons on board his Vessel, and shall conform himself to such Orders and Directions as he shall receive from the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, both for the performing Quarentine,
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