

by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That there shall be held and kept within the Township of Onslow in the County of Halifax, in every Year, on the first Tuesday of February, and on the first Tuesday of August, a Special Court of General Sessions of the Peace; and any three or more of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Halifax, one whereof to be of the Quorum, shall and may hold the said Court; and such Court shall have, hold, use, exercise and enjoy all and singular the Powers, which are by Law already given and granted unto Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, so far as relates to all such Matters and Things as shall be cognizable by such Courts, and have arisen, or which may arise within the said Townships of Truro, Onslow, and Londonderry.

Special Sessions to be held at Onslow, for the Townships of Truro, Onslow, and Londonderry.

## C A P. IV.

### *An Act* relating to Searchers and Sealers of Leather.

**B** *E it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly,* That no Tanner or other Person whatsoever, shall sell or expose to sale, any Leather tanned, curried or otherwise dressed or manufactured within this Province, or imported into the same (from any of the neighbouring Colonies) till the same has been viewed, stamped, and marked by the Officer for that Purpose to be appointed, on pain of forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Ox, Bull, Steer, or Cow Hide, and Five Shillings for every Calf Skin so sold or offered to be sold.

No Leather shall be sold or exposed to Sale, before it has been viewed and marked by the Surveyor.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That every Surveyor appointed and sworn according to Law, shall, from Time to Time, view all such Hides and Skins as aforesaid, and shall stamp and mark all such as he shall find to be sufficiently tanned, curried, or otherwise dressed or manufactured; and if any such Hides or Skins shall have been manufactured within this Province, the same shall be stamped and marked with the first Letter of the Name of the Town wherein they have been so manufactured, and such Surveyor shall be paid for his Trouble in viewing and marking such Hides and Skins, at the following Rates, *That is to say,* for every Ox, Bull, Steer or Cow Hide, three Pence, and for every Calf Skin one Penny; and every such Hide shall, at the Time of being so surveyed and marked, be weighed also in Presence of the Surveyor, and the weight thereof shall by him be marked on said Hide.

The Surveyor shall view all Hides and Skins, and mark such as are sufficiently tanned, &c

and if manufactured within the Province, the same shall be marked with the first Letter of the Name of the Town where manufactured.

III. *And be it also enacted,* That if any Person or Persons shall presume to counterfeit the Stamp or Mark by this Act required, and shall be thereof convicted before any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, he shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Penalty £10. for counterfeiting the Surveyor's Mark

How Forfeitures  
and Penalties  
shall be applied.

IV. *And be it also further enacted*, That all Forfeitures and Penalties arising by Force and Virtue of this Act, shall be one half to the Informer, and the other half to the use of the Poor, and be recovered by Complaint or Information, before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County where such Complaint or Information shall arise; and be levied, upon due Conviction, by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, under the Hand and Seal of such Justices; and for want of sufficient Distress the Offender to suffer one Month's Imprisonment.

## C A P V.

*An Act for establishing the Times of holding the Supreme Court.*

Preamble.

HEREAS great Inconveniencies, by fixing and confining the Times of holding His Majesty's Supreme Court of this Province to two Terms only in the Year, have arisen, and may further arise from a Want of a more speedy Administration of Justice in Capital Offences, both from the long and injurious Detention and Confinement of such Prisoners who, upon their Trial and Defence, may appear to be innocent of the Crimes for which they are committed, and also from protracting the Punishment of Offenders who may appear to be guilty of Crimes of the most enormous Nature, and of dangerous Tendency to the Safety and Peace of the Public, and by such Delay of Justice emboldening Offenders, and weakening the Force and Terrors of the Laws; and likewise in hearing and determining Causes of Property in the said Court, both Originally and by Writs of Error from the Inferior Courts, to the great Delay of the Subject in recovering their Civil Rights and Demands, and more especially as Suits are most frequently and generally commenced in the said Supreme Court; Be it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted, That His Majesty's said Supreme Court shall be holden at four Terms in every Year, that is to say, on the first Tuesdays in the Months of January, of April, of July, and of October; and that the said Court shall be and is hereby impowered to proceed in the said respective four Terms, in the same Manner as in the said two Terms heretofore limited and appointed; and that the several Laws of this Province respecting the summoning of Jurors, shall extend and be construed to extend to the holding the said Supreme Court at the four Terms as before directed; and that all the Proceedings, Rules, Judgments and Executions of the said Supreme Court, in the Course of their Sittings in the said Terms, shall be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

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The Laws respecting  
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