

for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned.

Townships who hold Special Sessions to raise Money for such Townships.

III. And be it Enacted, That for such Towns as have or shall hereafter have Power to hold a Special Sessions of the Peace, the Grand Juries at such Special Sessions, shall present such Sums as shall be applied for by the Representatives serving for such respective Townships, and the Sums so presented shall be raised, levied, and applied in like Manner as if the same had been presented by the Grand Jury of the County.

Money to be paid by County or Township Treasurer when received.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That the Sums so levied shall be paid by the Treasurers of the Counties, or of the Townships respectively, to such of the said Representatives as shall have applied for the same as aforesaid, on such Treasurer's receiving the said Monies from the several Collectors.

Collectors to pay Money they collect to the Treasurers in one Month,

on Forfeiture of 40s.

to the Use of the Poor.

V. And be it also further Enacted, That the several Collectors appointed as is directed in and by the aforesaid Act, shall within one Month after receiving the Assessment, collect and pay to the Treasurers aforesaid, the Sum specified in such Assessment, and if such Collector shall neglect so to do, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be recovered by any one of the Parties injured thereby, on Complaint before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and be paid to the Overseers of the Poor, for the Use of the Poor of the Township for which such Collector shall be appointed.

C A P. IV.

An Act for regulating the Commons belonging to the several Townships in this Province.

Preamble.

HERE AS it is necessary, that some Regulations should be made respecting the Tracts of Land set apart for Common, in the several Townships in this Province;

Justices in Sessions to make Regulations for the several Townships in respect to the Commons.

I. Be it Enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the Justices in their several General Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the several Counties in this Province, shall from Time to Time affix and settle such Regulations as they may think most proper and convenient to be observed and followed by the Inhabitants in the several Townships within such County, and such Regulations so made, affixed, and settled, shall be and are hereby declared to be the stated Rules to be kept, observed, and followed, by the Inhabitants of each respective Township, in regard to the Common belonging to the same.

II. And

II. *And be it also Enacted*, That if any Person shall transgress any such Rules and Regulations so to be settled and affixed, or shall neglect or refuse to obey the same, such Person shall forfeit and pay a Fine not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence, and in case such Offender shall refuse or neglect to pay the Fine, then it shall and may be lawful for any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to grant a Warrant of Distress for levying the same in the usual Manner, one Half to be to the Person complaining, and the other Half for the Use of the Poor of the Township where the Offence shall be committed, and in default of such Distress, to commit such Offender for any Space not exceeding ten Days.


Penalty on such as transgress the Regulations so made;

how to be applied,

in default of Payment, to be committed to Goal.

C A P. V.

An Act for establishing the Rate of Interest.

 *E it Enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly*, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, upon any Contract which shall be made, shall take directly or indirectly, for Loan of any Monies, Wares, Merchandize, or other Commodities whatsoever, above the Value of Six Pounds; for the Forbearance of One Hundred Pounds for a Year, and so after that Rate for a greater or lesser Sum, or for a longer or shorter Time; and that all Bonds, Contracts, and Assurances whatsoever, for Payment of any Principal or Money to be lent or covenanted to be performed upon or for any Usury, whereupon or whereby there shall be reserved or taken above the Rate of Six Pounds in the Hundred as aforesaid, shall be utterly void, and that all and every Person or Persons whatsoever, which shall, upon any Contract to be made, take, accept, and receive, by Way or Means of any corrupt Bargain, Loan, Exchange, Chevizance, Shift, or Interest of any Wares, Merchandize, or other Thing or Things whatsoever, or by any deceitful Way or Means, or by any Covin, Engine, or deceitful Conveyance, for the forbearing or giving Day of Payment for One whole Year, of and for their Money or other Thing, above the Sum of Six Pounds for the forbearing of One Hundred Pounds for a Year, and so after that Rate for a greater or lesser Sum, or for a longer or shorter Time, shall forfeit and lose for every such Offence, the treble Value of the Monies, Wares, Merchandize, and other Things so lent, bargained, exchanged, or shifted; one Moiety thereof to be to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the public Use of this Province, and the Support of the Government thereof, and the other Moiety to him or them that will sue for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in the same County where the Offence shall be committed, and not elsewhere, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Effoign, Wager of Law, or Protection shall be allowed.

Erg. Stat.
37. Hen. 8. cap. 9.

No greater Interest than 6 per Ct. per Annum to be taken;

if more is taken, Bonds, Contracts, &c. to be void;

Persons who shall take more on any other Contract for Goods, &c.

to forfeit treble Value;

Application of the Penalty,

how to be recovered.

II. *Provided*,