

This Act to be in Force one Year.

IV. *And be it Enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in Force for one Yeat, and until the End of the Session of the *General Assembly* then next following.

C A P. II.

AN ACT for restraining the exorbitant Price of Labour.

The justices of Peace in the several Counties, &c. to regulate the Wages of Artificers and Labourers,

**** E it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and B *** Assembly*, That as soon as may be, after the First Day of July next, the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties in this Province and in the Townships, impowered by Law to hold Special Sessions, shall meet together at such Places where the Sessions of the Peace are usually held, and also within Six Months thereafter, taking into Consideration the Circumstances of the Times and Prices of Provisions, assess the Wages of all Artificers and Labourers, according to the best of their Judgment, for any Labour or Work to be done, by the Day, Week, Month or Year.

and cause the Assessment or Regulation under the hand of Clerk of the Peace to be posted up in the most publick Places in each Township.

II. *And be it Enacted*, That the said Justices, shall immediately after the said Assessment made, cause the same to be certified under the Hand of the Clerk of the Peace, and posted up in the most public Places in the several Townships within such County by the Provost Marshal or his Deputy, or one of the Constables.

any Person giving greater Wages on Conviction before two Justices to forfeit not exceeding £. 15 nor less than £. 5.

III. *And be it also further Enacted* That if any person employing any Labourer or Artificer shall offer or agree for, or give greater Wages than shall be so assessed, every person convicted thereof, upon Complaint made before two Justices of the Peace shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Fifteen pounds nor less than Five pounds, for the Use of the Poor of the Township where such person resides, and be levied by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, and if any Artificer or Labourer shall take and receive greater Wages than shall be so assessed, such Artificer or Labourer shall upon Conviction in manner aforesaid, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings for the Use aforesaid, and on Non-payment thereof, be committed to the Goal, of the County or place where the Offence shall be committed for the Space of one Month.

and any Artificer or Labourer taking greater Wages on Conviction to forfeit not exceeding £ 5. nor less than 40.

this Act to Continue for one Year.

IV. *And be it Enacted*, That this Act shall continue and remain in Force for one Year, and until the End of the Session of the *General Assembly* then next following.