

CAP. XII.

An ACT for reducing the Terms of holding the Supreme Court of Judicature, and the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Halifax.

This Act altered by the 36th Geo. 3d. cap. 3.

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Province of Nova-Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Sixth Day of June, Anno Domini, 1770, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the Seventh Day of June, Anno Domini 1779, in the Nineteenth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Twelfth Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

* In the time of Sir Richard Hughes, Bart. Lieutenant-Governor; Bryan Finucane, Chief Justice, and President of Council, William Nesbit, Speaker; Richard Bulkeley, Secretary of Council, and Isaac Deschamps, Clerk of Assembly.

CAP. I.

An ACT to empower the Province Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding Five Thousand Pounds, for the purpose of purchasing, fitting and supporting, armed Vessels for the protection of the Coast of this Province.

This Act executed.

CAP. II.

An ACT to prevent the spreading of Distempers among Horses and Cattle in this Province.

For Acts respecting contagious diseases, see note on 1st. Geo. 3d. cap. 6.

WHEREAS great damage and inconvenience may arise by the going at large of horses, mares, or geldings, and cattle, which are infected with diseases liable to be communicated to other horse-kind or cattle :

Preamble.

Justices in Sessions shall make regulations for the preventing the going at large of infected horses and cattle.

any person transgressing such regulation to forfeit 10l.

I. *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That the Justices of the Peace in each County or Township, impowered to hold Sessions of the Peace, shall have power, and they are hereby directed, to make regulations for the preventing the going at large of infected horses, mares, geldings, and cattle, and the spreading of distempers among them, in manner as shall be most agreeable to the circumstances of such County, or the Townships therein, and any person who shall transgress such regulations so made, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding ten pounds, to be recovered on complaint or information before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, wherein the offence shall be committed, or before the Justices in the Sessions held for such County or Township, and be levied, on non-payment thereof, by warrant of distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, and applied for the Township wherein the offence shall be committed.

CAP. III.

An ACT to regulate abuses in the sale of Hides and Skins.

For Acts respecting Hides see note on 1st Geo. 3d. cap. 12.

Preamble.

WHEREAS notwithstanding the penalties to be inflicted by the laws of this Province, on Butchers, or other persons, who shall gash, cut, split or flaw, the hides of cattle, calf or sheep, in slaying thereof, or otherwise, great abuses are daily committed to the great injury of the public :

Searchers and Sealers of Leather to view hides of cattle, calves, or sheep, and if gashed, &c. an allowance to be made in the price.

Persons selling hides, before viewed, forfeit 1l.

Recovery and application.

I. *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That the persons appointed Searchers and Sealers of Leather, shall view every hide or skin of any cattle, calves or sheep, either in the slaughter-house or at the tanners, before the same shall be delivered on sale, and if he shall find the same to be gashed, cut, split or flawed, there shall be an allowance made in the price thereof to the buyer, as shall appear to the said Searchers and Sealers of Leather to be just and equitable ; and any butcher, or other person, who shall not call on the said Searchers and Sealers of Leather to view such hides or skins before such sale, shall forfeit and pay a fine of twenty shillings, for every such hide or skin not exposed to view as aforesaid, to be recovered before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and be levied by warrant of distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels ; one half thereof to be paid to the informer, or person suing for the same, and the other half to the poor of the place where the offence shall be committed.

Searchers and Sealers to be paid for their trouble.

II. *And be it also enacted,* That the said Searchers and Sealers of Leather shall be paid for their trouble in viewing the said hides and skins, that is to say, for every ox, bull, steer or cow, hide, three pence, and for every calf or sheep skin one penny, and three pence per mile travel, to be paid by the seller.

CAP. IV.

An ACT for altering the Times appointed for holding the Supreme Court, in King's County, and the County of Annapolis, in the Spring Circuit.

This Act not now in force.