

CAP. X.

An ACT for limiting the Duration, or Continuance, of the General Assemblies.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary for the well-being of this Province, that its General Assemblies should have a fixed, and determined period, for their dissolution :

General Assemblies continued for seven years, it not sooner dissolved by authority.

Act not to have effect until His Majesty's approbation be known. His Majesty's assent has been signified.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly,* That this present Assembly, and all General Assemblies, that shall at any time hereafter be called, assembled or held, shall and may respectively have continuance for seven years, and no longer ; to be accounted from the day on which by the writ of summons, this present Assembly hath been, or any future General Assemblies shall be appointed to meet, unless this present, or any such General Assembly hereafter to be summoned, shall be sooner dissolved by His Majesty, his heirs or successors, or by his Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief for the time being.

II. *Provided always,* That nothing herein contained, shall be of force or effect until His Majesty's pleasure shall be known thereon.

CAP. XI.

Expired.

An ACT for raising an additional Duty of Excise on Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for amending and continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue herein after mentioned.

CAP. XII.

Expired.

An ACT for continuing in Force the several Acts herein mentioned ; and also for reviving and continuing an Act herein mentioned, which has expired.

CAP. XIII.

For Acts respecting the Revenue of the Province, see 29th Geo. 3d. cap. 14. 33d. Geo. 3d. caps. 1. and 14. 34th Geo. 3d. cap. 7. and 15. 35th Geo. 3d. cap. 8. 36th Geo. 3d. cap. 14. 37th Geo. 3d. cap. 8. 38th Geo. 3d. cap. 3. 39th Geo. 3d. caps. 13 and 16. 40th Geo. 3d. caps. 8, 11 and 14. 41st Geo. 3d. cap. 11. and 12. 42d. Geo. 3d. caps. 14 and 15.

An ACT for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise, on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

WHEREAS the revenue of the Province, for the year last past, has by no means been so productive as was expected ; and whereas it is necessary to increase the revenue for the purpose of discharging the present demands against the Province :

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly,* That from and after the publication hereof, a duty of excise shall be levied, paid and received, on all kind of goods, wares or merchandise, of what kind or nature soever (except as herein after excepted) which shall be imported or brought within the Province from any place or country whatsoever, and which shall be sold and expended, or consumed, within the same ; which said duty of excise shall be levied, paid and collected, at the following rates, that is to say : a duty of excise of two pounds