

Robberys Murders and Pyracyes to the great Scandall & reproach of the English Nation and Contrary to their Duty faith and allegiance for the preventing of the said Evills and punishing and punishing [sic] of all such Offenders We pray it may be Enacted And be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Ma^y By and with the advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That from and after the publication hereof it shall be felony for any person which now doth or within four years last past heretofore hath or hereafter shall Inhabitt or belong to this Province That shall Comitt any Act of Hostility by Comission from or in the service of any forreigne Prince State or Potentate or any Employed by or under any of them against any other forreigne Prince State or Potentate in Amity with his Ma^y of Great Brittain without speciall Licence for his or their so doing under the hand and Seale of the Govern^r or Commander in Chiefe of this Province for the time being And that all and every such offender or offenders Contrary to the true intent of this Act being thereof Legally Convicted in his Ma^ys Provintiall Court of this Province To which Court Authority is hereby given to hear & determine the same as other Courts of felony shall suffer pains of death without benefitt of the Clergy Provided nevertheless this Act nor any thing therein Contained shall Extend to any person or persons which now or have been in the service or any Employment of any forreigne Prince State or Potentate whatsoever that shall returne to this Province and leave and desert such Service and Employment before the Tenth day of May next Ensueing rendring him or themselves to the Govern^r or Comander in Chiefe for the time being and give him such Security as he shall appoint for their future good behaviour And also that they shall not depart this Province without the Governours Pass under the hand and Seale of the said Govern^r or Comander in Chiefe for the time being And for the better and more speedy Execution of Justice upon such who haveing Comitted Felonys Treason Pyracy and other offences upon the Sea that shall be apprehended in this Province or brought hither in Order to receive their Tryall here Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Treasons, Felonys, Pyracys Murders or Confederacys Comitted or that shall hereafter be Comitted upon the Sea or in any Haven River Creek or Bay which the Admirall hath Jurisdiction shall be inquired Tried heard Determined and adjudged within this Province in such like forme as if such Offence had been Comitted in and upon the Land And to that End and Purpose Commissions shall issue under the Kings great Seale of this Province directed to the Judge or Judges of Admirallty of this Province for the time being and to such other Substantiall persons as by his Ma^ys Govern^r or Comander in Chiefe of this Province for the time being shall be named or appointed which said Commissioners or such a Quorum of them as by such Commission shall be thereunto authorised shall have full power to

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