

of her Majesty, her heirs or successors, when in the execution of his office of a privy counsellor in council, or in any committee of council, that then the person or persons so offending, being thereof convicted in due form of law, shall be and are hereby declared to be felons, and shall suffer death as in cases of felony, without the benefit of clergy.

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II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said *Nathan Wilcocks* (who by an inquisition taken the seventeenth day of the said month of *March*, before *George Rivers* esquire, coroner of the said city of *London*, on view of the body of the said *Anthony de Guiscard*, then and there lying dead) is found to have given him the said *Anthony de Guiscard* several mortal bruises of which he died; and all and every other person and persons, who were assisting in the defence of the said *Robert Harley*, and in the apprehending and securing the said *Anthony de Guiscard*, and did, in so doing, assault, bruise, or wound the said *Anthony de Guiscard*, shall be, and are hereby indemnified and saved harmless therefore; and such their actings and doings are hereby declared to have been necessary and lawful.

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CAP. XVII.

An act for the preservation of white and other pine trees growing in her Majesty's colonies of New Hampshire, the Massachusetts Bay, and province of Main, Rhode Island, and Providence Plantation, the Narraganset country, or King's Province, and Connecticut, in New England, and New York, and New Jersey, in America, for the masting her Majesty's navy.

WHEREAS there are great numbers of white or other sort of pine trees, fit for masts, growing in her Majesty's colonies of New Hampshire, the Massachusetts Bay, and province of Main, Rhode Island, and Providence Plantation, the Narraganset country, or King's Province, and Connecticut, in New England, and New York, and New Jersey, fit for the masting her Majesty's royal navy: and whereas the same growing near the sea, and on navigable rivers, may commodiously be brought into this kingdom for the service aforesaid: wherefore, for the better preservation thereof, be it enacted by the Queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the twenty fourth day of *September*, which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eleven, no person or persons within the said colonies of *New Hampshire*, the *Massachusetts Bay*, and province of *Main*, *Rhode Island*, and *Providence Plantation*, the *Narraganset country*, or *King's Province*, *Connecticut* in *New England*, and *New York* and *New Jersey*, or any of them, do or shall presume to cut, fell, or destroy any white or other sort of pine tree fit for masts, not being the property of any private person, such tree being of the growth of twenty four inches diameter

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son, within the
colonies of
New Hamp-
shire, &c. shall
cut, &c. any
pine tree fit
for masts,
without leave
of the Queen;
on forfeiture
of 100l. one
moiety to the
Queen, the
other to the
informers, to

be levied by warrant of a justice.

Repealed as to selling white pine trees, by 8 Geo. 1. c. 12. s. 6.

diameter and upwards at twelve inches from the earth, without her Majesty's licence for so doing first had and obtained, on the penalty or forfeiture of one hundred pounds sterling for every such offence, on proof thereof to be made by one or more credible witnesses on oath before one of her Majesty's justices of the peace there, within or nearest to such place where such offence shall be committed; one moiety of such penalty or forfeiture to be to her Majesty, her heirs and successors, the other moiety to the informer who shall sue for the same within six months, to be levied by warrant under the hand and seal of such justice of the peace.

II. *And whereas the surveyor general of her Majesty's woods in these parts is, by himself or his sufficient deputy or deputies, by her Majesty's commission, authorized and directed to mark with the broad arrow all such trees as now are, or hereafter shall be fit and proper to be taken for the use of her Majesty's royal navy, and to keep a register for the same, thereby to prevent the destruction of such trees: and whereas several persons, not lawfully thereto authorized, as aforesaid, have presumed to mark such trees with the broad arrow, thereby to deter others her Majesty's good subjects from getting logs for lumber and other uses, and to make to themselves a property in such trees, though growing on common land; be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the said twenty fourth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eleven, no person or persons within the said colonies of New Hampshire, the Massachusetts Bay, and province of Main, Rhode Island, and Providence Plantation, the Narraganset country, or King's Province, Connecticut in New England, and New York, and New Jersey, or any of them, other than the said surveyor general for the time being, his deputy or deputies, or such person as shall be authorized thereto by warrant under the said surveyor general's hand, do or shall presume to mark any such white or other sort of pine trees, with the broad arrow, on the penalty or forfeiture of five pounds sterling for every such offence, to be recovered and levied in such manner, and on such proof, and to be distributed, as aforesaid; any thing herein before, on in any former act, contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.*

No person within the said colonies shall mark any pine tree with the broad arrow, except the Queen's surveyor, &c.

On penalty of 5l. to be levied and distributed as above.

C A P. XVIII.

An act to render more effectual an act made in the sixth year of her present Majesty, intituled, An act to repeal a clause in an act of the seventh year of the reign of his late Majesty, for amending highways, which enjoins waggons and others to draw with a pole between the wheel-horses, or with double shafts, and to oblige them to draw only with six horses, or other beasts, except up hills.

6 Annæ, c. 29.
5 Geo. 1. c. 12.
15 Geo. 2. c. 2.
16 Geo. 2. c. 29.

WHEREAS by an act of parliament made in the sixth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled, An act to repeal a clause in an act of the seventh year of the reign of his late Majesty