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CHAPTER CIV.

[THE LAW ABOUT INDIAN TRADERS.

Whereas great complaints have been made, that divers persons who are non-residents and unsettled come into this province and privately and clandestinely deal and trade with the Indians; who by reason of their non-residence as aforesaid, and frequent removal from one province to another, are not careful in maintain[ing] a fair correspondence with the said Indians, and often oppress and abuse them in their way of trading and dealing with them; which may provoke and stir up the Indians to a revenge of the said abuses, to the great prejudice and disquietude of the inhabitants of this province, who are fixed therein, and have been instrumental in the settling, promoting and advancing the welfare and well-being thereof:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That no person non-resident, either on shore or on board any vessel (except such as come here with their families with an intent to settle) deal or trade with any Indians within this government upon any pretense whatsoever, upon the forfeiture of five pounds for every such offense, and the goods so

purchased, one-half to go to the public use of the county, and the other half to the discoverer.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted, That no inhabitant within this province and territories from henceforth, under the penalty aforesaid, presume to deal or trade with the Indians in the woods, at their towns or wigwams, after any private or clandestine manner, but at their respective mansion-houses; which said dwelling houses shall be adjudged so to be by the respective court in each county, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.]

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