

C A P. VI.

An Act for the ready Admission of such of his Majesty's Subjects in the Colonies on the Continent, who may be induced to take Refuge in this Province, from the Anarchy and Confusion there, and for securing the Peace, and preserving the Loyalty and Obedience of the Inhabitants of this Province.

*HEREAS* there is at this Time a most daring and unnatural Rebellion, subsisting in the neighbouring Provinces against his sacred Majesty and his Government, and as many of his Majesty's Subjects of dutiful and loyal Deportment, are desirous of withdrawing themselves from such Confusion and unnatural Rebellion, and seeking an Ajylum in this Province.

I. *Be it Enacted, by the Governour, Council and Assembly, That every Person above the Age of Sixteen Years, who have, or shall hereafter come into any Part of this Province, from any Part of the Continent of North America, with an Intent to dwell or reside within this Province, or to carry on any Trade or Business, shall take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and Declaration required to be taken and subscribed by Act of Parliament.*

Persons above 16 Years of Age who have come, or may come into this Province from any part of the Continent to take the Oaths of Allegiance, &c.

II. *And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person taking the Oaths and subscribing the Declaration aforesaid, shall to all Intents and Purposes be esteemed and reputed to be an Inhabitant of this Province, and intitled to all the Privileges and Immunities thereof.*

Persons taking the Oaths, &c. to be esteemed as Inhabitants.

III. *And be it also Enacted, That the Governour, Lieutenant Governour or Commander in Chief for the Time being, or any one of his Majesty's Council, or any one of his Majesty's Justices of either Court, or any one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for any County, are hereby authorized and impowered to administer the said Oaths, to any Person coming into this Province, and they are hereby further required to certify into the Secretary's Office, the Names of the Persons so taking the Oaths, and signing the Declaration aforesaid, together with the Trade, Business, Employment or Occupation of such Person within Sixty Days after taking the same, there to remain on Record, for the Benefit of the Person so taking it.*

Persons authorized to administer the said Oaths.

and to certify into the Secretary's Office, the Names of the Persons taking the said Oaths, with the Trade, Business, &c. of such Person, within 60 Days.

*W. And Whereas many evil designing Persons have, and may hereafter come into this Province with an Intent to corrupt the Minds*