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An ACT to prevent the unnecessary Firing off Guns, and other Fire-Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of Charlotte-Town.

**B**E it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That if any Person or Persons, of what Age or Degree soever, from and after the present Session of the General Assembly, shall unnecessarily fire off any Gun, Fusee, Musket, Pistol, or other Fire-Arms, in any of the Houses, Streets, Lanes, Wharves, Yards, or Gardens, in the Town or Suburbs of Charlotte-Town; every Person so offending, upon Conviction thereof upon the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings, to be levied by Warrant of Distress, under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, on the Offender's Goods and Chattels: and for want of Goods and Chattels, such Offender shall be, and the said Justice of the Peace before whom he may be convicted, is hereby empowered and required to commit him to Gaol for the Space of Forty-eight Hours.

Persons convicted of firing Guns, &c.

before one Justice of the Peace, shall forfeit 10s. to be levied on the Offender's Goods; and for Want thereof, to be imprisoned Forty-eight Hours.

II. *And it is hereby enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That no Prosecution shall be admitted for any Offence against this Act unless Complaint be made thereof within Twenty-four Hours after the Offence is committed: And that all Forfeitures arising by Virtue of this Act shall be, one half to the Person who shall prosecute for the same, and the other Half to the Use of His Majesty's Government.

Complaint to be made within twenty-four Hours after Offence committed.

Application of Forfeitures.