

## C A P. III.

AN ACT for providing Pounds in the several Royalties in this Province.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS there never have been any common Pounds erected in this Government, whereby the Sheriffs and other Officers employed in distraining Goods and Chattels, as well as the Parties from whom and for whose Behoof Goods have been distrained, as also Persons who have taken up trespassing Cattle, have been subjected to Losses and Inconveniences: To remedy which in Time coming,

Governor empowered by advice of Council, to erect common Pounds in the respective Royalties of Charlotte-Town, Prince-Town, and George-Town.

I. *Be it enacted by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may, and he is hereby empowered, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to erect a common Pound, within each of the Royalties of Charlotte-Town, Prince-Town, and George-Town, in such Place or Part thereof, and of such Extent and Dimensions, as he shall judge necessary.

Justices at their general or special Sessions empowered to appoint Pound-keepers, and to make Rules for the Management of such Pounds;

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the Justices of the Peace may, and they are hereby empowered in their General Sessions of the Peace, or at a special Sessions, to be called by the direction of the Lieutenant Governor for that Purpose, to nominate and appoint a Pound-Keeper for each of the said Towns, and to make such Rules and Regulations for the better Ordering and Management of the said Pounds, as they shall judge proper, not being repugnant to the Laws of Great Britain or of this Province, and to set and impose a Fine, not exceeding the sum of Forty Shillings for each and every Offence against the said Rules and Regulations, or any of them; and upon due Conviction of any Offender, to levy the Fine by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods; and for Want of Goods and Chattels, such Offender or Offenders shall be committed, and the said Justices are hereby empowered to commit him, her, or them to Gaol for a space of Time not exceeding ten Days.

also to set a Fine, not exceeding 40s. for Violation of their Rules; the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels. And for want thereof, he shall be committed for the space of ten days.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all Fines and Forfeitures to be recovered in pursuance of this Act, shall, at the Sight of the said Justices, be applied to keeping the said Pound in Repair; and if there shall be any Overplus, the same shall be applied for the Use of the Poor of the said Towns wherein such Pounds may be erected.

Application of Fines and Forfeitures.

## C A P. IV.

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 Sessions 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 Offenders

Persons convicted of firing Guns, &c.

before one Justice of the Peace, shall forfeit 10s. to be levied on the Offenders