

cution of this Act, on the Penalty of *Ten Shillings* Current Money for every Neglect.

*And be it further enacted* That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, being of the Age of *Twelve Years* or upwards, being able of Body, and not otherwise necessarily prevented by real Sicknes, or other unavoidable Necessity, shall for the Space of *three Months* together, absent himself or herself from the public Work on the *Lord's Day*, shall be subject to a Fine, *that is to say*, for every Head of a Family *Ten Shillings*, and for every Child or Servant *five Shillings*, to be recovered, upon Complaint before any *One* of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, who is hereby empowered to execute the same to be levied.

*All Fines and Penalties* incurred by this Act are to be to the Use of the Poor of the Town where such Offence is committed, and the Justice and Justices before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of offending against this Act, are required to make a Record thereof, in a Book to be kept by him or them.

*Provided*, That no Person shall be prosecuted for any Offence before mentioned, unless they be prosecuted for the same within *ten Days* after the Offence committed.

*And be it further enacted*, That every Justice of the Peace shall have full Power and Authority, either upon his own View, or other legal Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act or any Part thereof, to levy the Penalties herein before respectively mentioned, in Case the same shall not, upon such conviction, be paid by the Offender or Offenders, by distress and Sale of the Offender or Offender Goods and Chattels with Costs; and in Default of Distress, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the common Gaol of the County, there to remain in close Confinement for a Time not exceeding *Forty eight Hours*, nor less than *Twenty four Hours*.

*And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be publicly read *Four* Times in every Year, *viz.* At the opening of every *Court of General Sessions of the Peace*, immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn: And also twice every Year, *viz.* On every First Sunday of *December*, on every First Sunday in *June*, in all public Places of Worship within this Province, immediately after divine Service.

