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An ACT to empower the Justices of the Peace in their Sessions to make Regulations for preventing the Clandestine conveying away Sheep and Lambs from the Townships in this Province.

Preamble.

HEREAS Butchers, Drovers and others, who buy Sheep and Lambs in the Country do frequently in a clandestine Manner drive away other Sheep and Lambs, the Property of the Inhabitants, from the Commons and Places where they run at Large, by which Means it is not in the Power of the Owners to detect them, for Remedy whereof ;

The Justices in Sessions to make regulations for the preventing the clandestine driving away sheep and lambs from the several townships. Persons who transgress such Regulations to forfeit £5. for the use of the Poor.

I. *Be it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly,* That the Justices of the Peace in each County or Township empowered to hold Sessions of the Peace, shall be empowered in their Sessions as aforesaid, and they are hereby directed, to make Regulations for the preventing the clandestine driving or carrying away Sheep and Lambs from the several Townships in such Counties, in Manner as shall be most agreeable to the Circumstances of such County or Townships therein, and any Person who shall transgress such Regulations so made by the Justices, shall forfeit and pay a Fine not Exceeding Five Pound to be recovered on Complaint or Information before any Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County wherein the Offence shall be committed, or before the Sessions in such County or Township, and be levied by Warrant of Distress on the Offender's Goods and Chattels, and applied to the Use of the Poor of the Township where the Offence shall be committed.