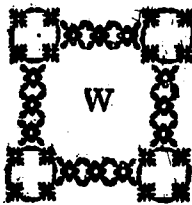




A N A C T

Intituled, An Act to oblige the Male white Persons in the Province of Georgia to carry Fire-arms to all Places of publick Worship.



HEREAS it is absolutely necessary, for the security and defence of this province against domestick insurrections, and other fatal consequences, in this time of imminent danger, that fire-arms be carried to all places of publick worship, We therefore humbly pray your most sacred Majesty, that it may be enacted, ~~And be it Enacted~~, by his Honour

Preamble.

Enacted.

HENRY ELLIS, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in chief of his Majesty's province of Georgia, by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Honourable Council and the Commons House of Assembly of the said province, in general assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That every white male person in this province, from the age of sixteen years and upwards, except only those who are not obliged to appear under arms in case of alarm, shall, immediately after the passing of this act, carry with them on *Sabbath-days*, fasts, and festivals, to such place of publick worship that he may go to within the town or district where such person shall reside, one good gun, or pair of pistols, with at least six charges of gun-powder and ball.

Persons obliged by this act to carry fire-arms to places of publick worship.

II. ~~And be it Enacted~~, by the authority aforesaid, That every person, neglecting or refusing to bring arms and ammunition to the places of publick worship as aforesaid, shall forfeit for every such offence a sum not exceeding three shillings, to be recovered by warrant of distress from any justice of the peace for the town or district where the offence is committed, the one half of the said fine to go to the informer, and the other half for the use of the poor of the district where the offence is committed; ~~Provided always~~, that this act shall not be construed to extend to oblige the inhabitants of *Savannah*, or any other towns in this province, to perform the duty enjoined by this act at any time hereafter, if his Majesty's troops, companies, or provincials, should be stationed therein, whereby a proper guard may be constantly kept on duty.

Penalty on persons refusing to do as herein required.

III. ~~And be it further Enacted~~, by the authority aforesaid, that this act, and every thing herein contained, shall be and continue in force for the space of two years, and no longer.

Continuation of this act.

DAVID MONTAIGUT, *Speaker.*

By order of the Upper House,

PATRICK HOUSTOUN,

Assented to 28th July, 1757.

HENRY ELLIS,