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*Att the 2^{cond} session of the generall Court begun att Plymouth the fift of June i655 and holden att Plym. aforsaid the 2^{cond} of July i655 ;

[PART I.]

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IT was Ordered by the Court

That incase any horses Cattle or hoggs shall Treaspas vpon any and bee by them ympounded If after they are ympounded they remayne four daies after notice giuen to the owners and bee neither repleuied nor agreed for ; It shalbee lawfull for such as Impound them to make publicke sale of them after publicke notice giuen of their Intention soe to doe and after dammages satisfied ; the remainder to bee returned to the owners ;

That all such Scotcs and Irish as are in any Township in this Gou^rment shall beare Armes and Traine as others excepting such as are servants from month to month.

Att the generall court holden att New Plymouth the sixt of June i656

IT is Enacted that an execution shalbee graunted forth att the end of one month after the verdict and Judgment is graunted and not before except the pty bee departing the gou^rment and that when the Marshall goeth to serue the execution the plaintife or his deputie shall goe with him to praise the goods there distressed And if occation shall require the defendant shall haue liberty to Coose another man ; And the Marshall and those two shall appraise the goods or Chattles soe taken, but if the defendant doe Neglect or refuse to make such a choise the Marshall shall Choose a man on his behalfe : and as they or any of them shall prise the goods soe they shalbee by the Marshall then and there deliuered vnto the plaintife or his deputies and the Marshall discharged ; And if the said goods come to more then the debt and charges shall amount vnto then the plaintife shall returne the ouerpluse vnto the defendant in countrey pay within six dayes next after hee receiueth the said goods ; But if the plaintife liue out of the Gou^rment then hee shall forth with returne the ouerpluse or giue Cecuritie to the defendant to doe it within the said six daies.

The Court haue ordered that henceforth such as are Admitted to bee ffreemen of this Corporation ; the deputies of such Townes wher such psons liue shall propound them to the court being such as haue beene alsoe ap-
poued by the ffreemen in that towne wher such psons liue.

*It is ordered by the Court that henceforth noe one shall make sale of any mannor of Barques or boates sayles or other rigging to any Indian or Indians on paine of forfeiting that which is soe sould and ten times the vallue therof ;

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[PART I.]

It is ordered by the court that none shall sell any horse kind to any Indian or Indians on paine of forfeiting such horses or horse kind that shalbee soe sold and ten times the vallue therof;

It is ordered by the court that all Indians liueing neare any towne of this Jurisdiction shalbee forthwith strictly charged not to make any Alarum in the night by shooting or otherwise vnlesse nessesitated therunto as they will answare it att their prill;

And Likewise that noe Indian shall discharge any gun on the Lords day att any thinge to the breach of the Sabbath and disturbance of the English; as they will answare it att their prill;

It is ordered by the court that none shall sell any horse or mare Coult or foale to any Indian or Indians on paine of forfeiting euery such horse or Mare Coult or foale that shalbee so sold and ten times the vallue therof.

July the 4th i656.

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It was ordered by the court that wheras the countrey hath receiued great dammage by a defect in the order about the barrell of oyle due for euery whale taken on drift or cast on shore as is expressed in the said order by leaquage of Caske or otherwise; The court haue ordered that for the future all such oyle as shalbee due and payable as aforsaid shalbee deliuered att Boston viz a full barrell of marchantable oyle for euery whale and the freight therof discharged by those that deliuer it; The said oyle to bee deliuered att Boston to such as the Treasurer shall appoint from yeare to year and a receipt taken from such as to whome it is deliuered shalbee a discharge to those that deliuer It.

Wheras complaint is made that some haue brought Cards into some of the townes of this Jurisdiction wherby sundry young psons mens both children and servants haue ben drawne together to spend their time in playing at such vnlawfull games to the corrupting of youth with sundry other sadd consequences that may follow by the pmission of such practices The court haue ordered that whosoouer shall bring into this Jurisdiction or keep in his house any Cards for such purposes as abouesaid or shall suffer any to play att Cards or dice att any time in his house or where hee hath to doe or any that shalbee acters in playing att such vnlawfull games shalbee fined the sume of forty shillings; and for such as are servants or Children that shall play att Cards or dice for the first offence to bee corrected att the descretion of their parents or masters and for the second offence to bee publickly whipt;