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**ACTS and LAWS**

Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, Begun and Held at *Boston*, upon *Wednesday* the Twenty-seventh of *May*, 1713. And continued by several Prorogations unto *Wednesday* the Fourteenth of *October* following, and then Met : Being their Third Session.

**An Act to Prohibit Shooting or Firing off Guns, near the Road or High-way, on Boston Neck.**

**W**HEREAS the Limbs and Lives of several persons, have been greatly Endangered in Riding over Boston Neck, by their Horses throwing of them; being Affrighted and Starting, at the Firing of Guns by Gunners that frequent there after Game.

For Preventing whereof for the Future :

Be it Enacted by His Excellency the Governour, Council and Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no person or persons from and after the Publication of this Act, may presume to Discharge or Fire off any Gun upon Boston Neck, within Ten Rods of the Road or High-way leading over the same, on pain of Forfeiting and Paying the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, for each Gun so Fired or Discharged : One Moiety thereof to be to and for the use of the Poor in the said Town of *Boston* ; and the other Moiety to him or them that shall Inform, Complain, and Sue for the same : To be Recovered before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace within the County, or before any one or more of Her Majesties Justices of the Peace out of Court. And for the better Conviction of persons Offending against this Act ; it shall be Lawful to and for any Freeholder to Arrest and take into Custody any Gun so Fired off, and render the same to one of the next Justices in *Boston*, in order to its being produced at the time of Tryal.

Penalty.

Guns to be Seised.

**An Act against Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen.**

**W**HEREAS Complaint is made of great Hurt to and the Decay of Trade, occasioned by Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen, passing to and fro through the Country, to Vend Goods, Wares and Merchandizes : Much of which was probably obtained by Robbery and Stealing, in the time of the late great Desolation by Fire in the Town of Boston, to the grievous Loss and Oppression of Her Majesties good Subjects, Sufferers in the said Calamity ; and by frequent Robberies and Thefts since committed, so that divers Men of Trades, Handy-craft men, and others, none of the best Fame, having left off the Exercise of their Trades and Business, turn Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen.

For Remedy of which Mischief :

Be it Enacted by His Excellency the Governour, Council and Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of *January* next, no Hawker, Pedlar, Petty Chapman, or other Trading Person going from Town to Town, or other Mens Houses ; and Travelling either on Foot or with Horse, Horses, or otherwise carrying to Sell, or exposing to Sale any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, be permitted or suffered within this Province ; on pain of Forfeiting the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, for each Offence : One Moiety thereof to be

Penalty of  
Twenty  
Pounds.