said Sum of Forty Shillings may be levied upon any white Person or one Months Imprisonment or the said Punishment of Thirty Stripes inflicted upon a Negro, by the Warrant of any two Justices of the Peace for the time being.

Passed the House of Assembly
the 24th day of March 1770.
E: R: Wegg Speaker.
By Order of the upper House
Wm Clifton President.

Council Chamber
19th May 1770
Assented to
Elias Durnford

No. 40.

An Act for punishing all Persons who may Infringe any of the Treaties made with the Indians.

Whereas it is Essential to the Interest of Great Britain in general & for the Security of this Frontier Colony in particular that

Good faith and Correspondence be maintained with the several Nations and Tribes of Indians we are connected with We therefore Pray Your Most Excellent Majesty that it may be Enacted and be it Enacted by the Lieu=tenant Governor Council and Assembly of this Your Majesty's Provinces of West Florida in General Assembly met & it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same that any Person or Persons who after the passing of this Act shall be found to have Endangered the Public Peace by making of Settlements, Attempting to Plant, Occupy Lands or build Houses beyond the Line which has been agreed upon as a Boundary by the Governor of this Province and the Superintendant of the Indian Affairs in the Southern Dis=trict on the part of His Majesty and the several Chiefs of the Chactaw & Chickesaw (12th page) Indian Nations and the Chiefs of the upper and lower Creeks in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty five, such Persons upon Conviction thereof shall forfeit the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling, over and above all the Goods and Chattels which they may have

upon the said Plantations or Settlements and shall be imprisoned for the spaces of Six Months without Bail or Mainprize.

And be it farther Enacted that all Justices of the Peace are hereby Empowered and Required upon an Affidavit being made before them or any of them to issue their Warrant or Warrants for seizing their Goods and bringing before them or any of them all such Persons in order that they may be Exam.d and if need be bound over by Recognizance with sufficient Sureties to answer for the Offence complained of at the next General Court of Pleas or to order them into close Custody until such Sureties shall be found.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any Indian Trader, or other Person whatever who shall see or Know of such Settlements being made without the said Boundary Line or upon any such Lands as not being purchased for or Ceded to His Majesty as herein Specified are re-served by the said Indians as their Hunting Grounds & shall not within the Space of two Months, give Information thereof

to some Justice of the Peace of the County District or Precinct where such Settlements shall be made, he she or they shall forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds Sterling and suffer one Months Imprisonment.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that upon Complaint being thereof made to any Justice or Justices he or they shall without loss of time Issue their Warrant or Warrants for the Purposes aforesaid under the Penalty of Twenty Pounds lawful Money of Great Britain

And Whereas great Frauds and Abuses have heretofore been committed by private Persons purchasing Lands of the Indians to the manifest Prejudice of His Majesty's Interest and the great dissatisfaction of the said Indians, in order therefore to prevent such Irregularities happening in this Province and to remove all Causes of Discontent and Disputes between the Inhabitants thereof and the Indians aforesaid Be it Enacted That if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall purchase or cause to be purchased or shall Accept of any Grant or Conveyance of Land of any Indian or

Indians upon any Pretences whatsoever Every such Purchase or Conveyance shall and it is hereby made Null and Void to all Intents and Purposes, and all and every Person so offending or such as are Concerned in the same shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Sterling and suffer one Years Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize. (13 Page)

And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person or Persons who after the passing of this Act shall in any wise be accessary to the infringing of any Article or Articles of the aforesaid Treaties which have been made or Concluded with any of the said Nations or Tribes of Indians such Person or Persons shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling and suffer one Months Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize

Passed the House of Assembly
the 16th day of May 1770.
E. R. Wegg Speaker

Council Chamber
19th May 1770
Assented to
Elias Durnford

By Order of the Upper House.
Wm Clifton President.