

Lib. L. L. No. 64. An Act relating to the Standard of English Weights and Measures

p. 162 Whereas there is now a Standard of Weights and Measures agreeable to the Standard of Weights and Measures in her Majestys Exchequer in England settled with in the severall Countys of this Province.

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that all persons whether Inhabitants or fforeigners shall repair and bring their Stillards with which they weigh and receive their Tobacco to the Standard yearly and every year to be tryed Stamp'd and Numbred for which they are to pay to the person keeping the Standard One shill for every time such Stillards shall be tryed and stamp't as aforesaid And every person or persons that shall have their Bushell half Bushell peck Gallon bottle Quart and pint if they make use of the same or any of them in buying or selling by tryed and Stamp't at the Standard aforesaid Except such of the Measures aforesaid as come out of England and are there Stamp't for w^{ch} they shall pay for the Stamping the aforesaid Measures Six pence apiece.

And whosoever shall presume to sell by any dry Measures without first having the said Measures tryed and Stamp't at the Standard shall forfeit the Sumē of ffive hundred pounds of Tobacco.

And whosoever likewise shall presume to weigh and receive Tobacco by stillards have not within one year past from such weighing and receiving been try'd and Stamp't at the Standard shall forfeit One thousand pounds of Tobacco The one half of which fforfeitures to be to her Majesty her heires and Successors towards the Defraying the Charge of the County where the Offender shall dwell or Reside And the other half to the Informer or Informers to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province by bill plaint or Information wherein no Essoyn proteccion or Wager of Law to be allowed.

p. 163 And if any Person or Persons shall refuse to pay any Tobacco or by such Stillards try'd and Stamp'd as aforesaid and shall thereby compell the Owner to have them try'd over again within the year If the Stillards are true such person so refusing or compelling as aforesaid shall pay for the new Stamping but if not the Owners of the Stillards to pay for the same.

Sept^r 21. 1704

Read and assented to by the
house of Delegates
W Taylard Clk hD.

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Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill
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