

Session Dressing Victuals, or any other Domestick Business, at such Quarter,  
 Laws for the Use of the Overseer, Servants, or Slaves, there employed.

And Be It Further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Vestry of every Parish within this Province, shall, on or before the First Day of July next, and on or before the First Day of June Yearly, in every other Year than this present Year, during the Continuance of this Act, lay out their respective Parishes into Precincts, and appoint One sufficient Person in each Precinct, to examine and enquire of the Names and Number of the Persons hereby allowed to  
 p. 3 tend Tobacco, and the Crops of the several Planters within the said Precinct, and the Number of Plants growing on any and every Plantation or Plantations within the same: And on or before the Twentieth Day of the Month of July, in this present, and every other Year, during the Continuance of this Act, to begin to count the Plants, and cut, or cause to be cut up and destroyed, all Stalks, Slips, and Suckers, within such Precinct, and to proceed therein as there shall be Occasion; which Persons so appointed, are hereby enjoined carefully to review and examine all the several Fields and Places whereon Tobacco shall be tended, within their several Precincts, Two respective Times, at the least, after the Plants thereon growing, have been by them counted; and as often thereafter, as they shall judge necessary, in order to discover whether any Slips or Suckers, shall be turned out or tended from the Stalks, whence any Tobacco-Plant hath been before cut; and shall take an Oath (or Affirmation, if a Quaker,) before some Justice of the Peace of the County wherein they reside; which Oath (or Affirmation, if a Quaker,) the said Justice is hereby impowered to administer in the Words following, viz.

I A. B. do swear, (or affirm) That I will carefully, diligently, and truly examine and enquire into the Names and Numbers of all Persons allowed to tend Tobacco within my Precinct; and truly and faithfully number and count the Tobacco-Plants growing, or that shall be tended on every Plantation within the same, according to the Directions and true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Assembly, Intituled, An Act, for Improving the Staple of Tobacco; and for continuing Part of An Act, ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco-Hogsheads; and to prevent cropping, cutting, and defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight; and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per the Hogshead, for the Support of Government; and for the encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the Manner of paying his Lordship's Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents, for the Term therein proposed; and for the taking off the Three-pence per Hogshead formerly raised for the Publick Charge, to the best of my Knowledge, either by counting the said Tobacco-Plants, growing in the several Hills, Plant by Plant, or otherwise, according to the best of my Understanding; and faithfully and