

ACTS OF ASSEMBLY PASSED IN MAY AND JUNE, 1750

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Eighth Day of May in the thirty sixth Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &ca. Anno Dom. 1750 and ending the Second Day of June following.

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The following Laws were Enacted and Assented to by his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esquire Governor.

An Act to prevent the Exporting of Trash, or bad Tobacco.

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[Preamble.]

Whereas, by an Act of Assembly entituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees, it was among other Things enacted and declared, "That it was the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act, that nothing therein contained should affect any Tobacco that was made at any Time before the first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and forty-seven; but that the same might be shipped, or otherwise disposed of, as the Proprietor thereof should think proper; Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, being made by the Proprietor of such old Tobacco, or Overseer, or other credible Person, that the same was made before the said first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and forty-seven; which Oath or Affirmation might be made before any one Justice of the Peace, and such Justice giving Certificate of the Mark and Number of the Hogshead or Hogsheads of such old Tobacco, the same might be taken on board any Ship or Vessel for Transportation, notwithstanding any Thing in the said Act contained: Yet the Proprietor of such old Tobacco might, if he thought fit, have the same old Tobacco inspected, or subjected to Inspection, as the said Act directs, and in such Case he should have and receive all Benefits and Advantages arising to the Owner of Inspected Tobacco, in Manner therein before mentioned." And whereas it appears to this General Assembly, that sundry evil-minded Persons have, since the making the said Act, saved, bought, and, under colour of it's being old Tobacco, actually exported, and now do openly and publicly save and buy up, bad, trash, and unsound Tobacco, with the same View; which Practices, so plainly tending to frustrate all the good and salutary Effects intended by the said Act, if not immediately remedied, must prove of very dangerous Consequence to the People of this Province.