

upon be immediately vested with the Property thereof, and may convert the same to his own Use accordingly; and the Judgment of such Justice, or other Officer, therein, shall be final: But in case such Hoghead or Hogheads be not found to exceed the Gage aforesaid, then such Mark or Seizure shall be struck out by such Justice, or other Officer, aforesaid, and the Seizure be thereby released. But in case any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall have Sight of any Hoghead or Hogheads, that he or they shall suspect to exceed the Gauge aforesaid, it shall and may in such case be lawful for such Person or Persons, immediately to seize and mark the same, as aforesaid, altho' no such Justice, or other Officer, as aforesaid, be present; of which Seizure such Informer shall forthwith give Information to some Justice, or other Officer aforesaid, living or residing in the County where such Hoghead or Hogheads shall be so marked or seized; who shall be by this Act obliged to go with such Informer, to view and examine the Gauge of such Hoghead or Hogheads, as aforesaid; and shall in all Things proceed to the Viewing, Examination, or Condemnation of such Hoghead or Hogheads, after the Manner, and to the Uses aforesaid, or to the Releasing the Seizure thereof, as is herein before directed: And every such Informer or Seizor shall pay to the Justice, or other Officer aforesaid, making such View or Condemnation aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings Current Money, for every Hoghead that such Justice or Officer shall be requested to view or examine by such Informer, whether the Hoghead or Hogheads so viewed be condemned or not, to be recovered, according to Act of Assembly of this Province, for speedy Recovery of Small Debts out of Court, before a single Justice.

AND be it further Enacted, That in case any of the Justices of the County-Court, any Sheriff, Coroner, Vestryman, or Church-Warden, who, upon Application made by any Informer, shall, without lawful Excuse or Impediment, refuse or delay to perform what is required of them by this Act, the Justice or Officer so refusing, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings for every Hoghead, so by him refused to be viewed, to the Use of such Informer; to be recovered as last before-mentioned.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, after such Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco, marked with the Broad Arrow, as aforesaid, and before View thereof by any Officer, as aforesaid, shall presume to remove, alter, or change any Hoghead so marked, as aforesaid, or the Tobacco therein, so as to avoid the Justice of this Act; nor, after View and Condemnation in manner aforesaid, shall offer to alter, change, or any ways meddle with such condemned Hoghead or Hogheads, without Leave or Licence from such Informer, under Penalty or Forfeiture, for every Hoghead of Tobacco so removed, altered, or changed, as aforesaid, the Sum of Twelve hundred Pounds of Tobacco to the Use of such Informer; to be recovered in any County-Court within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to the Repealing, Abrogating, or Disannulling the Act of Assembly, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at *Annapolis* the Twenty third Day of *October*, *Anno Domini* Seventeen hundred and eleven, Intituled, *An Act, Ascertainning the Gauge of Tobacco Hogheads; and to prevent Cropping, Cutting, and Defacing Tobacco taken on Board Ships and Vessels upon Freight;* or any ways to take away and lessen the Effect thereof, but that the same in all Respects shall be and continue in Force before the Twenty ninth Day of *September* next, but that the said recited Act shall remain till then in full Force, and no longer.

AND be it further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons, shall, after the End of this Session of Assembly, pay, or tender to pay, any packed Hoghead of Tobacco, whereof the full Weight of the empty Hoghead, or the full Weight within Five Pounds, is not cut or marked on the Bulge of such Hoghead, and be thereof convict in manner aforesaid, he or they so convict, as