

(540) Yourships Governour and the upper and Lower Houses of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the Same; And it is hereby declared, that the words in the Second Paragraph of the aforementioned Act (Viz.) (That no Tobacco after the tenth Day of October next shall be packed in Cask or otherwise in order to be Shipt off and Exported out of this Province by any person or persons whatsoever or paid or tendered to be paid either in Cask or otherwise to Merchants Traders or Adventurers or others or shall be stow'd in order to be Shipped or otherwise disposed off by or to any person or persons whatsoever other than what is in good Condition and of a Clear and Clean Leaf free from Ground Leaves, frost bitten Leaves, trashy Leaves, Suckers or otherwise Damnified Leaves whatsoever) Were only intended to prevent, the packing up, either for paying away Shipping or otherwise disposing of any Tobacco, other than what was clean Tobacco in good Condition free from all Manner of trash and frost bitten Tobacco and the words abovementioned in the Said Act shall for the future be taken and Construed in this Sense and not otherwise.

And it is further declared that the Words in the fifth Paragraph of the aforesaid Act (Viz.) (That any person or persons whatsoever that shall have Suckers or Slips, turned out on his her or their plantation or plantations as aforesaid or shall house the Same was never intended nor shall they for the future be Construed to hinder or debar any person or persons within this Province from turning out a Sucker or Suckers and improving the Same to his her or their best advantage where the true plant or plants has been destroyed by any Accident, but only for preventing the making improving and housing any more than one plant from the Same Stalk or Root any thing in the aforementioned Act to the contrary Notwithstanding.

And for the more effectually preventing and deterring all persons within this Province from making Shipping or in any wise disposing of any trashy and unqualified Tobacco according to the abovesaid Explanation of the aforesaid Act;

Be it Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent of the aforesaid that if any person or persons whatsoever owners of or makers of Tobacco on any plantation or plantations within this Province shall either themselves or shall cause or suffer any Overseer or Overseers Servant or Servants Negroes or others under their Command or Charge to Save or tie up in Bundles or otherwise or stow any trashy or otherwise unqualified Tobaccos as aforesaid and shall not destroy the Same at the time the Good is Shipt from such bad Tobacco or that shall in their Tobacco or other Houses preserve save or conceal any trashy or other unqualified Tobacco either in Bulks Hogheads or otherwise which they or any of them have Shipt and tied up in Bundles or stow'd or otherwise before the making of this Law and shall not destroy

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