

Any ship or other vessel suspected to have Indian Com on board in order to be  
ported contrary to the Tenour of this Act and to seize all the Com that shall be found  
on board to the uses and purposes aforesaid

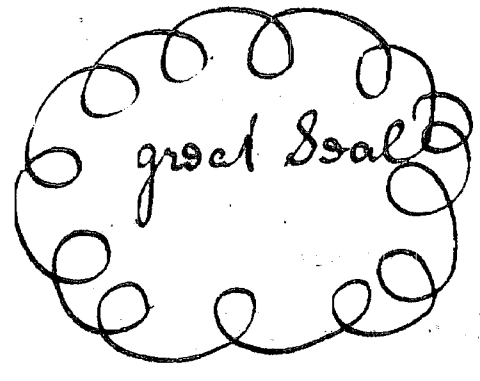
October the 17<sup>th</sup> 1724  
Read and approved to by the lower  
House of assembly & Signed  
M. Denison C. Secy

October the 17<sup>th</sup> 1724  
Read and approved to by the upper House  
of assembly and Signed  
Samuel Skippon C. Secy

October the 29<sup>th</sup> 1724

On the Behalf of the Rt Honourable the Lord Proprietary  
of this Province I will this be a Seal

Chc: Calvert



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An Act for the Relief of such Persons as have been convicted of any  
Breach of the Acts of assembly for preventing the Making of Traffy Tobacco  
and for the Bettering the Staple of this Province and the explanatory  
thereof intended or have suffered by the Misconstruction of the said Laws

Whereas several of the Inhabitants of this Province have complained that they  
have been convicted by several Justices of the Peace of several Breaches of the Acts  
of assembly aforesaid and Executions awarded against them for the said Breaches without  
their being heard in their own Defences which is a Method of Proceeding Inconsistent  
with the true Intent and Meaning of the said Laws, It being the undoubted Right of  
every British Subject (even the most Guilty) that will submit to the Law to be heard  
in his own Defences and Others that have been greatly Prejudiced by the Misconstruc-  
tion of the said Acts — Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable  
the Lord Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and  
the upper and lower Houses of assembly and the Authority of the same that it shall and  
may be lawfull for the Justices of the Peace within this Province at their respective  
County Courts where the Facts arise in a Summary way or in a formal way according  
to the Course of the Common Law in other Cases at the Discretion of the Party convicted to be  
heard and determine all Judgments and Convictions that have been against any Person or  
Persons for any breach or breaches of the said Acts of assembly where the Party convicted  
was not heard in his own Defences by the Justice that determined the fact and to Af-  
firm or reverse such Judgment or Conviction according to the true Right of the Law  
and to award Restitution and Execution on the Reversall or Affirmation of any for-  
mer Judgment or Conviction any thing in the said Acts or any other Law Judgment  
or other Matter or thing to the contrary notwithstanding

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