

any Allowance for more than Two white Women. And for the better explaining what Sort of labouring Taxables and others, are intended by this Act, to be restrained from making Tobacco,

*Be it enacted, and declared,* That no Master of a Family, keeping an Overseer, and having Six Taxable Servants or Slaves, that work in Tobacco, or any Master of a Family, keeping no Overseer, having Six Taxable Servants or Slaves, that work in Tobacco, or any Servant or Slave, being a Tradesman, who shall at any Time between the First Day of *April* and the First Day of *September*, work at his or their Trade, or Trades, upon the Plantation or Plantations, of his or their Master or Mistress, or shall at any Time or Times whatsoever, work at such Trade or Trades, upon the Plantation or Plantations, of any other Person or Persons, or any Servant or Slave, who shall at any Time between the First Day of *April*, and the First Day of *September*, be employed as Coachman, Groom, Waiting-man, Cook, Dairy-maid, or in any other Domestick Office, or Service, in, or about the Dwelling House of his or her Master or Mistress, and white Women, (except as before excepted) shall be allowed to plant any Tobacco.

*And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Vestry of every Parish within this Province, shall every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, upon the Fifteenth Day of *May*, Yearly, (if the same be not *Sunday*, and if it shall so happen, then on the next Day after,) lay out their respective Parishes into Precincts, and appoint Two Persons in each Precinct, to examine and enquire of the Names, and Number of the Persons hereby allowed to 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 the Twentieth Day of the Month of *July*, Yearly, to begin to 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 enjoyned, 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 empower'd to administer, in the Words following, *viz.*

“ **I** *A B.* Do swear, (or affirm) That I will carefully, diligently and truly  
 “ examine and enquire of the Names and Numbers of all Persons al-  
 “ lowed to tend Tobacco within my Precinct; and truly and faithfully  
 “ number and count the Plants growing, or that have been tended on every  
 “ Plantation within the same: And faithfully and diligently, will review and  
 “ examine all the several Fields and Places, where all such Tobacco-plants are  
 “ tended; and cut up and destroy, or cause to be cut up and destroyed, all  
 “ Stalks from which any Tobacco shall be cut or taken, and all Slips and  
 “ Suckers, growing from or out of the same, above the Height of Nine Inches  
 “ from the Ground, and which I shall find standing or growing in any of the  
 “ Fields or Places aforesaid, according to the Directions of the Act of Assem-  
 “ bly, *For Improving the Staple of Tobacco.* And that I will duly execute  
 “ all the Powers and Authorities given by the said Act, and make a just and  
 “ true Report of my Proceedings therein, without Favour, Affection, or  
 “ Partiality: And that I will make Information of all such Persons who shall  
 “ be guilty of any Breach of the said Act, in any Matter or Thing in which a  
 “ Counter is required to examine and enquire, to some Justice of the Peace  
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