

C H A P. I. One Magistrate of the County where such Offence shall be committed, One Half to the Informer, and the other Half to the Use of the County aforesaid, to be applied to defray the Charge of such County, accruing on the carrying this Act into due Execution.

Penalty on either buying or selling Trashy Tobacco.

CXXXI. And to prevent any Person or Persons whatsoever, from making Sale of trashy and unmerchantable Tobacco, **Be it further Enacted**, That from and after the First Day of *December* next ensuing, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons, on any Pretence whatsoever, to buy, barter for, purchase, or take into his, her, or their Possession, or to sell, or even offer to sale, either directly or indirectly, any trashy or unmerchantable Tobacco, either loose, or in Hands; in Bundle, Bulk, Parcel, Case, Hoghead, or other Package whatsoever, except such Tobacco as hath been heretofore lodged in any Inspecting House, (or House or Houses used by Inspectors) in pursuance of any former Law, under the Penalty of Four Pounds of Tobacco for every Pound of Tobacco so bought, bartered for, purchased, taken into his, her, or their Possession, sold, or offered to sale, as aforesaid, to be recovered, where the Penalty shall not exceed Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, before a single Magistrate, as in case of small Debts, and where such Penalty shall exceed the said Sum, then and in such Case to be recovered in the County Court where such Offence shall happen, or the Party resides, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be allowed; one Moiety of such Penalty to the Informer, or him, her, or them that shall sue for the same, together with his, her, or their legal Allowance for Attendance as an Evidence, and the other Moiety to and for the Use of the County where such Offence shall be committed, towards defraying the Charge of such County, in the Execution of this Act; and where such Penalty shall arise by Prosecution upon Indictment, if the Informer shall not upon Conviction, make his Claim (and which Claim when made, shall be entered upon the Clerk's Docket) to the Moiety in open Court, then and in such Case, the Whole of such Penalty shall be to and for the Use of the County where such Offence shall be committed, to be applied towards defraying the Charge of Inspection as aforesaid.

Buyer or Seller, informing against the other, to be indemnified, &c.

CXXXII. And for the further discovering and punishing so pernicious a Practice, **Be it likewise Enacted**, That if either Parties, Offenders as aforesaid, shall make such Information against the other Party or Parties, so as aforesaid offending, and shall prosecute such other Party or Parties, so that he, she, or they, be of the Offences aforesaid, or either of them, lawfully convicted, to which Purpose, any or either of the Parties aforesaid, are hereby **enacted and declared** to be good and sufficient Evidence; such Person, so as aforesaid informing and prosecuting, shall not only be indemnified and saved harmless from any Prosecution for the said Offence, but shall also be entitled to have and receive the same Rewards allowed as aforesaid, and shall have and receive, as a further Encouragement, the further Sum of Two Pounds of Tobacco for every Pound of such Tobacco, to his sole and separate Use, to be recovered, where the Penalty shall not exceed Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, before a single Magistrate, as in case of small Debts, to be made a Part of the Judgment of such Magistrate, and where such Penalty shall exceed the said Sum, then and in such Case, to be recovered in the County Court where such Offence shall so happen, or the Party resides, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, Information, or Indictment, to his sole and separate Use, as aforesaid, to be made a Part of the Judgment of the Court upon such Conviction against such Offender.

CXXXIII. And be it further **Enacted**, That as often as any Magistrate shall be informed, by any credible Person, on Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, that he suspects, and verily believes some trashy or unmerchantable Tobacco