

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Tuesday the Sixteenth Day of NOVEMBER, in the Third Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable HENRY HARFORD, Esq; absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of MARYLAND, and ended the Twenty-third Day of DECEMBER, Anno Domini 1773: The following LAWS were enacted.

ROBERT EDEN, Esq; GOVERNOR

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.

WHEREAS it is thought convenient by this General Assembly, Preamble. to have a Law for preventing the Exportation of bad, unfound, or trashy Tobacco, and to prevent the many Frauds in his Majesty's Customs:

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That all Tobacco which shall be exported out of this Province, after the First Day of January next, shall be first brought to one of the publick Warehouses herein after mentioned, and shall be there viewed and inspected, in Manner herein after expressed, except such Tobacco as hath been inspected under any Act of Assembly of this Province, or under private Agreement. Tobacco exported after the first of January to be first inspected, except such as hath been inspected by private Agreement.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Tobacco already inspected, or hereafter to be inspected, under private Agreement, shall, as such, after the First Day of November Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-four, be delivered at any of the said Warehouses for Exportation, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary notwithstanding. Proviso.

IV. And be it enacted, That publick Warehouses for the Inspection of Tobacco, pursuant to this Act, shall be kept at the several Places herein after mentioned: That is to say; Public Warehouses established.

In the County of St. Mary's, At Chaptico, on the Land of the late Philip Key: On a Plantation where a certain Gilbert Mackey lived: At St. Innegoes, on the Land of Stephen Milburn: At Wiccomoco, on the Land of John Llewelin: At the Court House, on the Land of Abraham Barnes: On Saint Guthbert's Creek, on the Land of Francis Brooke: At Town Creek, on the Land of Hugh Hopewell. In St. Mary's.

In Kent County, At Chester-Town: At Worton Creek, on the Land of Richard Graves, called Buck Neck: At Langford's Bay, on the Land of the late Richard Gresham: At the late Samuel Tovey's, on Grays-Inn Creek. In Kent.