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by and with the Advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower houses of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the Same; That from and after the Twentyeth Day of Iuly next Ensuing no Planter Merchant or other Inhabitant of this Province shall presume to false pack any Hogshead of Tobacco by putting therein, any Rotten frost bitten, Ground Leaves, or Seconds or worse Trash in the Middle or any part of the hogshead than what is in the head and plain View of the Hogshead under the Penalty of having every Such Hogshead of Tobacco So falsed Packed as aforesaid burnt by the Sheriff or other Publick Officer of the Provincial or County Courts where the same shall be Condemned And one thousand pounds of Tobacco for every such hhd, to be paid, the Moiety or One half thereof to the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, the other half to the informer or him or them that shall Sue for the Same to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law shall be Allowed, and to the End it may be Ascertained what shall be good Evidence to prove any such fraud in false Packing as aforesaid and to prevent if Possible all manner of Niceties or Evasions to avoid the Penalty thereof Be it also Enacted By the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice & Consent aforesaid, and the Authority of the Same that it shall and may be Lawfull for every Merchant, Planter, Factor, Receiver or other Person of what Degree or Quality soever Employed to receive Tobacco within this Province for himself or others having with him one Witness besides himself to Draw out of any hhd of Tobacco Tendered him in payment four Samples, two whereof to be kept by himself and the other two by the Other Person with him till the next Provinciall or County Court and the same proved by the Severall and respective Oaths of each Person before the Iustices of either Provincial or County Court (at the Choice of the Receiver or party Grieved) shall be taken and Allowed of as Good Evidence for the Conviction of any Person herein Delinquent according to the Tenor of this Act herein before Expressed And be it likewise further Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid and the Authority thereof, that from & after the five and Twentyeth Day of September next Ensuing. all Merchants, Traders, Planters Overseers or others Inhabitants of this Province making any Crops of Tobacco shall provide and Cause to be fallen by the last day of April at the furthest in every year Respectively all such Timber as shall be intended or allotted for making Tobacco hhds to the End that the same may be well Seasoned under the Penalty of four hundred pounds of Tobacco forfeiture for every Hogshead he or

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