

sterling for euery hogshead of Tobacoe soe shipped or Exported or conveyed out of this province and soe after the same rate for a greater or lesser quantity in bulk or for the Vallue of a hogshead of Tobacoe in other goods wares & Merchantdizes to be recouered & payed to such vses & in such manner as before is appointed & whereas the weighing Tobacoe & other comodities wth Stylyards heitherto Vsed is a certaine abuse not onely to the people of this province but to the traders of the same. Lib. W. H.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that from & after the last day of August One thousand six hundred Eighty & Eight noe Stylyards shall be vsed for the waying any Tobaccoes wares or Merchantdizes Exceeding the waight of one hundred pounds in any of the Townes ports or places authorized for Townes but shall be wayed by weights & scales and to th^t end the Justices of each respectiue County Co^{rt} are hereby enjoyned forthwith to send for & procure at the charge of each respectiue County to be assessed in the County leuaie substantiall scales & lawfull weights weighing vpwards of Seven Hundred pownds weight wth three moueable posts to be carryed from place to place in the Towne soe th^t the same Justices haue the same ready in Each respectiue Towne within each County on or before the said last day of August 1688 and in default thereof the said Justices of each respectiue County Co^{rt} shall forfeite & pay for euery such weights & scales wanting for each respectiue Towne in each County the sume of ffue hundred pounds of tobacoe one halfe thereof to the Lord Prop^{ty} & the other halfe thereof to him or them th^t shall sue for the same in any Co^{rt} of Record wthin this Province and the said weights & scales to be kept by the Officer of each Towne who is to haue & receiue for each draught therein Weighed the sume of one penny Sterling or one pound of Tobacoe to paid by them th^t shall bring the same. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid th^t noe bill plaint informacon or suite be brought in any of his Lord^{pps} Courts of this Province for or by reason of any breach heretofe comitted ag^t the aforesaid Acts but th^t all & all manner of breaches thereof be & are hereby released & forgiuen and th^t the Comission^{rs} for Townes now liueing in Each respectiue County or any fiue of them in case any Towne or port hereby nominated shall be soe remoate from the habitacons of fiue Comission^{rs} th^t they cannot conveniently be & goe vpon the same ports or Townes to Execute this Act that then & in such case the said Comission^{rs} named in the said first recited Act or any fiue of them are hereby impowred to nominate & appoint such other able & discrete psons as p. 286