

Lib. L. L. Provided nevertheless that it shall be Lawfull for any Justice
 No. 1. of the Peace or other Magistrate lawfully Authorized to Com-
 p. 164 mitt and Punish such person or persons as shall refuse to take
 the Oaths mentioned in the s^d Act of Parliament according to
 the Appointment thereof, the same Oaths being Tendred unto
 him or them in such mañer as the said Act directs and appoints
 anything herein Contained to the Contrary thereof in any
 wise notwthstanding.

June 4 th 1692	June the 2 ^d 1692
Assented to by the Councill Board	The house of Assembly
Signed p Ord ^r	have Assented
John Llewelin Clk	Signed p Ord ^r
	Hen: Denton Clk.

An Act Imposing a penalty on all
 such who shall dispose of Tobacco
 seized and received by the Sherriffs and others.

Whereas diverse great grievances have happened within
 this Province through the many Cheats and deceipts that
 may have been used in disposing and altering the Marks and
 qualities of Tobacco after the s^d Tobacco have been seized
 p. 165 and received by the Sherriff either for Fynes or Leavys or
 hath been paid away to merch^{ts} or others and by them marked
 and received, whereby the Publick hath been much abused
 and wronged and many Private persons have received great
 damages in their said Goods. Be it therefore Enacted by
 the King and Queens most Excell^t Majesty by and with the
 Advice of this Generall Assembly and the Authority of the
 same That what person soever shall dispose of any Tobacco
 or other goods seized on and received by the Sherriff for
 Fines or Leavys or other Publick Officers Fees or that shall
 alter or scratch out the Mark of any Tobacco so received or
 shall alter or change the quality of Tobacco so received or
 by any Merchant or others received either by uncasing or
 otherwise without any Lawfull Order or Warrant in writing
 under the hand of such Sherriff who received the same or of
 such Merch^t or other person who had received and Mark't the
 same, or for whose use the same was received and mark'd
 shall be lyable being convicted by Confession or Sufficient
 witness in some Court of this Province to restore four fold to
 the party grieved and stand in the Pillory two full hours
 during the Court time with his Offence fairly written in a peice
 of paper and placed upon the back Provided that no person
 shall be Impleaded or prosecuted upon this Act after three
 years from the time that the fact shall be committed.