

Maryland October 3^d 1704Lib. L. L.
No. 64.On behalf of her Ma^{ty} &c I will this be a Law

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An Act against Ingrossers & Reqraters

Forasmuch as the Offences of fforestalling Ingrossing and Reqrating are found Mischeivous and prejudicial to the Inhabitants of this Province.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that whatsoever person or persons that from and after the publication hereof shall Ingross or gett into his her or their hands or Possession by buying Contracting or promise taking within this Province any goods or Merchandizes whatsoever or Servants to the Intent to sell the same again within the space of six months and the same or any part thereof shall within that time sell again for ready Tobacco or for Tobacco to be paid the shipping happening at the time of such first Sale or for Tobacco to be Shipp'd for payment or securing the payment of any bill or bills of Exchange or for ready mony or bills of Exchange to be drawn for payment of the said Goods Merchandizes or Servants with Intent to avoid the penalty by this Act hereafter provided and imposed or the said Goods Merchandizes or Servants shall transport out of this Province shall be accepted reputed and taken for an unlawfull Ingrosser and Reqrater and shall Suffer such pains penaltys and forfeitures as are hereafter expressd Any Law Statute Usage or Custom to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. p. 125

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons from and after the publication hereof offend in any of the things before recited and being thereof duly convicted by Confession of the party or the oaths of two Witnesses before the Justices of the Provincial Court or the Justices of the County Courts for the time being where the Offences were Committed shall for his her or their first Offence have or suffer Imprisonment for the Space of two Months without bayle or Mainprize And shall also loose and forfeit the value of the goods Merchandizes or Servants so by him or them bought or had. And if any person or persons lawfully convicted as aforesaid of or for the second offence Every Such person or persons so offending shall have and Suffer for his or their second Offence Imprisonment for the Space of one half year without Bayle or Mainprize and shall loose double the value of all the Goods Merchandizes or Servants so by him or them bought or had as aforesaid.