

or wager of Law to be Allowed And for the better Ascertain- C. P.  
ing what shall be allowed for the Value of a Tob° hh<sup>d</sup>—

Be itt Enacted that the receiver of any hh<sup>ds</sup> of Tob° shall p. 259  
allow and pay to the Owner or Owners thereof for such  
hogshead received the sume of forty pounds of Tob° to be  
Added to the neat weight of such Tob°.

And whereas the Inhabitants of this province that Ship their  
Tob° on board Shippes and other Vessells upon ffreight are  
much abused by Cropping Cutting Lessening and Diminish-  
ing of the hogsheads wherein such Tob° is pak't by the masters  
of Shippes or other Vessells or by other persons under their  
Comand and Governm<sup>t</sup> for remedy whereof for the future—

Be itt Enacted by the Authority Advice and Const<sup>af<sup>d</sup></sup> that  
if any master of a Shipp or other Vessell within this province  
after the end of this present session of Assembly shall receive  
any hh<sup>d</sup> or hh<sup>ds</sup> of Tob° on board his said Shipp or Vessell on  
ffreight and shall Either by himsele or any other Officer or  
person on board his said Shipp or Vessell under his Comānd  
Cutt or Suffer any hhd or hhds. of Tob° to be Cut Crop't or  
Lessened in their Length or breadth or by any other ways or  
meanes abused defaced or Impaired that then and in Every  
such Case such Master of a Shipp or Vessell for Every hh<sup>d</sup> of  
Tob° soe Cut or Suffered to be Cut Crop't Lessened in their  
Length or breadth Abused Defaced or Impaired to be proved  
by the oath of any sufficient person to whome the Tob° is p. 260  
Consigned in great Brittain or other Sufficient wittness taken  
before any Magistrate and a Certificate thereof made by any  
notary publick or Magistrate and sent hither under his hand  
and seale or any other Legall proffe whatsoever made in this  
province or Elsewhere shall fforfeit and pay the sume of Six  
hundred pounds of Tob° or fifty shillings to the party grieved  
to be recovered in any Court of Record in this province ag<sup>t</sup>  
such Master or his Security by Action of Debt or on the  
Case within Seven years after the date of the bill or bills of  
Lading of such Tob°

And be itt Enacted by the Authority af<sup>d</sup> that the Security  
or Securities of any Master of a Shipp or Vessell within this  
province shall be Lyable to make Satisfaction according to  
this Act for the Cropping Cutting abusing Defaceing and Im-  
pairing of any hh<sup>d</sup> or hh<sup>ds</sup> of Tob° as af<sup>d</sup> and prosecuted for  
the same in any Court of Record within this province that  
Can hold plea thereof and that every Navall officer within this  
province shall on paine of fifty shillings Certifie under his hand  
and Seale who are the Security or Securities of any such  
Master which shall be a Sufficient Evidence in any Court of  
Record where such Action is Commenced to prove who are p. 261