

Persons appointed to examine and number the same, cut up, or cause to be cut up and destroyed, so many Plants as shall exceed the Number herein before allowed, in such Place or Places of the said Tobacco grounds, as the said Owner or Overseer shall think fit. And in case the Owner or Overseer of any such Plantation, shall refuse and fail so to do, the said Persons so appointed to examine and number, as aforesaid, be and are hereby impowered and required to cut up, or cause the same to be cut up and destroyed; and shall have and receive as a Reward for so doing, Twenty Pounds of Tobacco, for every Hundred Plants of Tobacco that shall be so cut up and destroyed by them; to be paid by the Owner or Overseer of such Plantation where such Offence shall be committed; and upon due Proof thereof, made by the Oaths of the Persons appointed as aforesaid, shall and may be recovered before any Justice of the Peace of the County where such Offence shall be committed. And the Persons so to be appointed to examine and number as aforesaid are hereby required to make a true Report of their Proceedings, and Number of Plants on each Plantation, in their respective Precincts, to the Clerk of the Court for that County wherein the said Precincts respectively lie, on or before the Tenth Day of August Yearly.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Person so appointed and sworn, to examine and number Tobacco-Plants, and to cut up and destroy Stalks, Slips, and Suckers, as aforesaid, failing to make such Report of their Proceedings, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence: And if the said Persons so appointed to examine and number, and to cut up and destroy Stalks, Slips, and Suckers, as aforesaid, shall (knowingly) allow any Person whatsoever, to plant or tend, on his or her Plantation, any more Plants of Tobacco than are herein and hereby before allowed, or to tend any Seconds, Slips, or Suckers; each Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, And it is hereby Enacted That the Clerk of every County-court, shall (without Fee or Reward) fairly transcribe all such Reports as shall be returned to him by the Persons appointed in Pursuance of this Act, for numbering of Plants of Tobacco, and shall set up the same in the Court-house of the said County, at the two next succeeding Courts after such Return, so as the same be made Three Days at least before the Court Day; and shall also file and keep the original Reports in his Office: And where it shall so happen, that any Parish shall lie in two Counties, in such Case a Return shall be made of the Number of Plantations and Plants in each County, to the Clerk of the County wherein such Plantations shall lie, to be transcribed and set up and filed by the Clerk of such County, in Manner afore-