

be sold again, within the Space of Six Months, for ready Tobacco, or for Tobacco to be paid the Shipping happening at the Time of such first Sale, or for Tobacco to be shipped for Payment, or securing the Payment of any Bill or Bills of Exchange, or for ready Money, or Bills of Exchange to be drawn for Payment of the said Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, shall be accepted reputed and taken for an unlawful Ingrosser and Reqrator, and shall incur such Forfeitures as are hereafter expressed: Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary hereof in anywise, notwithstanding.

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And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall hereafter offend in any the Things before recited, and shall thereof be sued, prosecuted, or impleaded, for such Offence, the Onus Probandi shall be on the Person or Persons so sued, prosecuted, or impleaded, to make it appear to the Court and Jury where such Offences shall be tried, that the said Goods, Merchandizes, and Servants, were not purchased by him, her, or them or for his, her, or their use, and by him, her, or them or by his, her or their Direction, and for his, her, or their Use disposed of within the Times aforesaid: And if the said Person or Persons so sued, prosecuted, and impleaded, shall fail to make the same appear, he, she or they, shall be deemed Ingrossers and Reqrators; and shall for the first Offence, forfeit and pay the full value of such Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, to be valued and adjudged by the said Court, with full Costs of Suit.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, If any Person or Persons being convict of the Offences aforesaid, shall again offend the second Time, and be thereof convict by the Means and in the Manner aforesaid, such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay double the full Value of such Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, for the said second Offence, to be also valued and adjudged by the said Court, before whom such Trial shall be, with full Costs of Suit. And for the third Offence, shall, on Conviction by the Means and in the Manner aforesaid, forfeit Three Times the full Value of such Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants, as aforesaid, to be valued and adjudged as aforesaid.

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And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the One Moiety of the said Forfeitures be applied to his Lordship, the Lord Proprietary, for the Support of the Government of this Province; and the other Moiety thereof, to the Informer, or him, her, or them, that shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Essoine, Protection, or Wager of Law, to be allowed.

Provided, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not debar, or be construed to debar or hinder any Person or Persons