

And that no Ordinary Keeper whatsoever shall credit any such Sailor for more than Five Shillings during any One Voyage, under Penalty of loosing his Debt, and being Fined to his Lordship, His Heirs and Successors, Five Pounds Sterling, whereof One Half to be applied as aforesaid, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that sues for the same, to be recovered as aforesaid.

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And lastly, It is hereby Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Justices of the Provincial Court, and the Justices of the respective County-Courts, shall give this Act in Charge to the several Grand-Juries, and to their several and respective Constables, in their said Counties, to inquire into the Breach of this Act, and into all Disorders committed in the said Ordinaries, and present the same, if any be, to the several Courts, to be examined and punished according to Law.

And whereas One Half of the Forfeitures in this Act, is appointed to be appropriated towards the Use of a Publick-School in each County; and forasmuch as at present there is few Counties that have, as yet, any Publick-School in them,

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the several County-Courts wherein there is no Publick-School, shall at their several November Courts Yearly, apply the said Forfeitures towards the defraying the County Charge, and cause the Clerk of each respective County-Court to keep a true Account of all such Forfeitures that the several Counties may reimburse the same when there shall be a Publick-School in any of the Counties aforesaid, for the Use thereof, as aforesaid, which they are hereby required to do. This Act to continue until the Twenty Ninth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty, and no longer.

An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads, and to Prevent cropping, cutting and defacing Tobacco taken on Board Ships or Vessels upon Freight; and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per the Hogshead, for the Support of Government, and for the encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the Manner of paying his Lordship's Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents, for the Term therein proposed, and for the taking of the Three Pence per Hogshead formerly raised for the Publick Charge.

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Forasmuch as the Law heretofore made for ascertaining the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads, having in some Measure proved ineffectual, either for Want of laying sufficient Penalties upon the Offenders, or of proper Methods to inflict them, but more especially as it seems to this present General Assembly, by requiring a Compliance with such a Gauge as has been found by Experience to tend to the Ruin of such Traders as were strict Observers of it, the Gen-