

Session Laws this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall after the End of this Sessions of Assembly, pay, or tender to pay, any packed Hogshead of Tobacco, whereon the full Weight of the empty Hogshead within Five Pounds, is not cut or marked upon the Bulge of such Hogshead, and be thereof Convict in manner aforesaid, he or they so Convict, as aforesaid, shall forfeit for every such Hogshed or Hogsheads not having the Weight set thereon, as aforesaid, the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, the One Half thereof to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, towards the defraying the Charge of the County where such Offence shall be committed, the other Half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in such County-Court, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And for ascertaining what shall be allowed for the Value of Tobacco-Hogsheads, Be it Enacted, That the Receiver of any Hogshead of Tobacco, shall pay and allow to the Owner or Owners thereof, for such Hogshead received, the Sum of Forty Pounds of Tobacco, to be added to the Neat-Weight of such Tobacco.

And whereas the Inhabitants of this Province, that Ship Tobacco on Board Ships and other Vessels upon Freight, are much abused by the Cropping, Cutting, Lessening and Diminishing of the Hogsheads wherein such Tobacco is pass'd, by the Masters of Ships or other Vessels or by other Person under their Command, and Government; for Remedy whereof, for the Future,

Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Master of a Ship or other Vessel within this Province, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall receive any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, on Board his said Ship or Vessel, on Freight, and shall, either by himself or any other Officer or Person on Board his said Ship or Vessel, under his Command, Cut, or suffer any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco to be Cut, Cropped or Lessened in their Length or Breadth, or by any other Ways or Means abused, defaced or impaired, that then and in every such Case, such Master of such Ship or Vessel, for every Hogshead of Tobacco, so Cut or suffered to be Cut, Cropped or Lessened, in their Length or Breadth, abused, defaced or impaired, to be proved by the Oath of any sufficient Person to whom the Tobacco is Consigned in Great-Britain, or other sufficient Witness taken before any Magistrate, and a Certificate thereof, made by any Notary-Publick or Magistrate, and sent hither under his Hand and Seal, or by any other legal Proof whatsoever, made in this Province, or elsewhere, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco,