

Session Person or Persons appointed to examine and number the same, cut
Laws 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 or Plantations, shall refuse and fail so to do, the said Person so appointed to examine and number as aforesaid, be, and is 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 that shall be so cut up and destroyed by them; to be paid by the Owner or Overseer of such Plantation or Plantations, where such Offence shall be committed. And upon due Proof thereof made by the Oath of the Person appointed as aforesaid, whose Oath therein shall be full and conclusive Evidence, 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 the 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 September, Yearly.

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 Person 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 and tend on his or her Plantation or Plantations, any more Plants of Tobacco, than are 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.

p. 7 And Be It Further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, and it is hereby Enacted, That the Clerk of every County Court shall, for the Reward of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco Yearly, to be assessed in the County Levy, and to be paid every such Clerk, fairly transcribe all such Reports as shall be returned to him by the Persons appointed, in Pursuance of this Act, for numbering 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; 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