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Laws any Tobacco-Beds or Plant-Patches, to the Persons appointed to view the same; every Master, Mistress, or Overseer, so refusing, or giving a false Account, shall forfeit and pay one Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every Person above Sixteen Years of Age, employed in making Tobacco, of whom a false Account shall be given; and Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for wilfully refusing to shew all the Tobacco planted on any Plantation.

And Be It Further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Suit shall be brought for the Penalties in this Act contained, for entring or listing any Person under Sixteen Years of Age, a Taxable, or that is under Twelve or Thirteen Years of Age, allowed by this Act to plant Tobacco, to be above those Ages, the Age of the Person so listed, shall be proved and determined by the Parish Register; or by Order of the Court, in Case the Age of such Person hath been formerly judged there; or by the Inspection of the Court, upon the Trial, and not otherwise.

And Be It Further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall transfer or make over to any other Person or Persons, any Tobacco-Plants, which he, she, or they shall have growing on his, her, or their Plantation or Plantations, or shall be allowed to tend, for any labouring Taxable, or Worker in Tobacco, any Number of Tobacco-Plants whatsoever, in any other Precinct, than where such Taxable, or Worker in Tobacco, was listed.

And Be It Further Enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures in this Act, shall be applied to the Uses, and recovered in the Manner following; (that is to say,) the Moiety of all the Penalties to him or them, that will prosecute or sue for the same, and the other Moiety to defray the County Charge, where the Offence shall be committed. And that all Penalties, not exceeding Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, shall be heard, tried, and determined by a Justice of the Peace, as in Case of small Debts. And that all Penalties and Forfeitures, exceeding Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, shall be recoverable in the respective County-Courts where the Offences shall be committed, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, Presentment, or Indictment, wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

And Be it Further Enacted, That the Magistrates of the County-Courts shall give in Charge to the several Grand-Juries, to enquire into the Behaviour of all Persons appointed to put this Act in Execution; and the Court may, upon any Presentment of the Grand-Jury, if they think fit, oblige the Party presented, to answer such Presentment without any formal Indictment; and that if upon Confession or Verdict, the Party shall be convict; or that if the Party shall be convict on any Action, Bill, Complaint, Information, or Indictment, the