

them distributed and delivered to the several Inhabitants of each respective County, in the Proportion and Manner, and at the Times and Places herein after mentioned, in the Preference of any Two Justices of each County; for which Purpose, Two Justices shall attend: And also, that there shall be One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of the most ordinary Tobacco, to be tied up in Bundles dry enough to pack, destroyed in the Manner herein after mentioned, and by the Persons herein after directed to be appointed, for every Six Thousand Plants, allowed by Law to be tended, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Number, shall be destroyed and consumed; and that for every Hundred and Fifty Weight of Tobacco so to be destroyed, the Proprietor thereof, shall be allowed Fifteen Shillings in the said Bills of Credit, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity: And to the End, that the said Tobacco may be effectually destroyed, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, Session
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Be It Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Justices of the several and respective County Courts, shall, at the several County Courts, to be held in the Month of June, next ensuing this present Session, appoint Two good substantial Persons, not being Councillors, Delegates, Magistrates, Clergimen, Sheriffs, or Physicians, of good Character and known Probity, in each Precinct, appointed for the Counters of Tobacco Plants, by the said Act of Assembly, entituled, an Act for the Improving the Staple of Tobacco; & for continuing Part of 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; & 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 off the Three-pence per Hogshead formerly raised for the Publick Charge: Who shall by Virtue of their Office, and this Act, take Copies of the said several Counters Lists returned into the County Court; which said Lists, the several Clerks of the County Courts, are hereby required to deliver them, within Twenty Days after such Appointment; and the Persons so appointed, shall also by Virtue of their Office, and this Act, destroy or cause to be destroyed, by reducing the same to Ashes, the several Quantities of Tobacco already mentioned, and take the following Oath, (or Affirmation if a Quaker) viz.

I A. B. do swear, (or affirm) That I will well and truly destroy, or cause to be destroyed, the Quantity of Tobacco, appointed and directed by an Act of Assembly, entituled, An Act to make and emit Thirty Six Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit; and for easing the Inhabitants of this Province; and to raise a Fund to sink the said Bills of Credit, to be destroyed according,