

Lord, Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Nine; any Defect, Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding. Session
Laws

An Act to prevent the clandestine Running or Importation of Trashy and other Tobacco, from the Colony of Virginia, into this Province. Chap. XIX

For preventing the clandestine Running or Importation of Trashy or other Tobacco, out of Virginia, into this Province,

Be It Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That all Masters, Mates, and Boatswains, of Ships and Vessels whatsoever, that shall take or receive on Board Tobacco, within this Province, shall be obliged, at the Time of their respective Entries, or within Ten Days after, to make Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, before the Naval Officer of the District where their Vessels shall be, That they have not, nor will not, wittingly or willingly, take or receive, or suffer to be brought on Board, any Hogshead, or Hogsheads, Chest, Case, Bundle, or Fardle of Tobacco, that shall be brought from the Colony of Virginia, unless the said Hogshead, or Hogsheads, Chest, Case, Bundle, or Fardle of Tobacco, have passed some Inspectors Stamp, with a proper Certificate of the said Tobacco's having been duly inspected, according to the Tenor of the Virginia Tobacco Law. And if any Master, Mate, or Boatswain, or any other of the Vessels Crew, shall receive on Board any Hogshead, or Hogsheads, Chests, Cases, Bundles, or Fardles of Tobacco, the said Master, Mate, or Boatswain, shall, for every Offence, being duly and legally convicted, by Confession, Verdict, or otherwise, forfeit, and pay, for every such Hogshead, Bundle, Case, Chest, or Fardle of Tobacco, so taken on Board, contrary to this Act, the Sum of Twenty Pounds current Money of Maryland; One Half to the Lord Proprietary, to defray the Charge of the County where the Offence shall be committed, and the Other Half to him or them who will sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding. p. 22

And Be It Further Enacted, That any Person or Persons, who shall import any Trashy or other Tobacco, out of the Colony of Virginia, into this Province, and shall not have paid the Penny per Pound, for such Tobacco, according to the Directions of the Statute of the Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, shall forfeit and pay, over and above the Penalties contained in the said Statute, the Sum of Twenty Shillings current Money of Maryland, for every Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, which shall be so imported, and in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity, to the