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Laws any Frauds, when there shall be any Suspicion of any Fraud being committed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act. And that the said Person or Persons, so to be appointed to put this Act in Execution, shall return to their respective County Courts, a List or Lists of such Person or Persons as shall refuse or neglect to burn the Quantities of Tobacco herein before-mentioned; which List to be so returned, shall, by such Person or Persons sworn, or affirmed, to be true, and deemed to be full Evidence, to prove a Breach of this Act, unless such Certificate shall be contradicted and falsified by the Testimony of Two legal and indifferent Witnesses, upon Oath, or Affirmation.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Commissioners or Trustees, upon every Person so to be appointed, producing or sending to them, a Certificate of such Appointment, and a Testimonial from any one Justice of the Peace, or of Two honest and reputable Persons, of the same County with such Person, that he has honestly executed his Duty, according to the Tenor of this Act, shall pay to every such  
p. 22 Person, or his Order, Six Pence, in Bills of Credit, for every Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco.

And be it further Enacted, That any Person, who shall be appointed, as aforesaid, and who shall refuse to act, not being disabled by Age, Sickness, or other Infirmary, to be proved to the Satisfaction of the Justices of the County Courts, shall forfeit and pay a Fine of Ten Pounds current Money of Maryland; to be applied, as aforesaid. And that in every such Case, or in Case of the Death, Disability, or Removal of any Person or Persons who shall be so appointed, and shall act, that then, in the Vacation, any One or Two Justice or Justices shall appoint another or other substantial and reputable Person or Persons, in the Stead of the Person or Persons so dead, disabled, refusing, or removed: And that the Person or Persons, to be so appointed, shall be obliged to take the Oath, or Affirmation, herein before mentioned; and to execute and perform the same Duty, as if appointed by the Justices of the County Courts, in Court, under the same Fine and Penalty as herein before expressed; and shall be entituled to the same Reward and Satisfaction, as if so appointed.

Provided always, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That if it shall be more convenient to any of the Inhabitants of this Province, to burn and destroy the Quantities of Tobacco, herein before mentioned, in some other Hundred than where such Inhabitant shall reside, it shall and may be lawful, in every such Case, that such Tobacco shall be burnt before, and in the View of, the Person or Persons appointed to put this Act in Execution, in such Hundred; who shall give a Certificate thereof to every such Inhabitant.