

Condemned Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco without leave Lib. B. L. C.
 or licence from such Informer under the Penalty and forfeiture for
 Every Hogshead of Tobacco so removed altered or Changed as
 aforesaid the Sum of ten Pounds Current Money to the use of such p. 149
 Informer to be recovered in any County Court wthin the Province by
 Action of Debt Bill Plaintiff or information wherein no Essoyn Pro-
 tection or Wager of Law shall be allowed Be it Enacted by the
 Authority aforesaid that in Case of any Seizure of any Hogshead or
 Hogsheads as aforesaid which shall be found to Exceed the Gauge
 aforesaid if the Party to whom the same Belongs or in whose pos-
 session the same is found shall by his own Oath or the Oath of any
 Credible Witness prove to the Satisfaction of such officer as aforesaid
 that the said Hogshead was made and packed before the Com-
 mencement of this Act then and in such Case such Seizure shall be
 immediately released and Discharged in manner aforesaid without
 any Costs or Charges whatsoever to the Party so in Possession of
 such Hogshead of Tobacco as aforesaid And Whereas the Inhab-
 itants of this Province that Ship Tobacco on board Ships and other
 Vessells upon freight are much abused by the Cropping lessning and
 diminishing the Hogshead wherein such Tobacco is packed by the
 masters of Ships or other Vessells or by other Persons under their
 Command and Government for remedy whereof for the future Be
 it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Master of a Ship
 or other Vessel within this Province after the first Day of October
 next shall receive any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco on board
 his said Ship or Vessel under his Command on freight and shall
 either by himself or any other Person or officer on board his said Ship
 Cut or suffer any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco to be Cutt
 Cropped or lessened in their length or Breadth or by any other ways
 or means abused defaced or impaired to be proved by the Oath of
 any Sufficient Person to whom the Tobacco is Consigned in Great
 Britain or other sufficient Witness taken before any Magistrate
 according to the form of the Statute in such Cases provided and
 sent hither by any other Legall proof whatsoever made in this Prov-
 ince or Elsewhere shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten Pounds
 Current money of Maryland to the Partie Grieved to be recovered
 in any Court of Record within this Province against such Master
 by action of Debt on the Case or against the Surety or Suretys of
 such Master of a Ship or Vessel out of the Penalty of the impost
 Bond to be given by such Master within one year after the Date
 of the Bill or Bills of Lading of such Tobacco

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent
 aforesaid that any Person who Shall Ship any Tobacco on board
 any Ship or Vessel upon freight and shall suspect that such To-
 bacco to be Cut Cropped or defaced Contrary to the true intent and
 meaning of this Act may repair or board any such Ship or Vessel