

SessionLaws tioned, that then and in such case, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be Nonsuit, and pay the Defendant's Cost; and that in case any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall refuse to submit to such Examination, such Refusal shall be deemed and taken to be a Confession or Proof of the Fact.

Punishment of a false Oath And be it likewise Enacted, That if any Plaintiff, in any such Case, shall knowingly swear, or affirm, falsely, and be thereof convict, he, she, or they, shall suffer, as in Case of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Proviso Provided always, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that nothing therein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to vacate or abolish any Contract, Bargain, or Agreement, made for the Payment of Tobacco in Specie, before the said fifteenth Day of May; but that such Bargain, Contract, or Agreement, shall be and remain in Force and Effect; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bonds, &c. taken for Money in lieu of Tobacco between May 15, 1747, and the Commencement of this Act, to be void p. 30 And be it further Enacted, That all Bonds (with Power of Attorney to confess Judgment) taken for Money in lieu of Tobacco, from the fifteenth Day of May, Seventeen hundred and forty-seven, to the Commencement of this Act, shall be, and are hereby made void and of no Effect; and it shall not be lawful for any Justices of any Court within this Province, to render or give Judgment on such Bonds, by Virtue of such Power of Attorney; and no Clerk or Clerks of any Court or Courts within this Province, shall issue or make out any Execution upon such Judgment: And that during the Continuance of this Act, no Judgments shall be entered on any Judgment-Bonds, for Money, to be taken after the End of this Session of Assembly, until the Court, Judge, or Justice, before whom a Judgment is or shall be offered to be entered up be satisfied that the Defendant or Defendants is or are actually run away; nor even then, unless the Plaintiff, or his Attorney in Fact, or one acquainted with the Transaction, makes Oath that the Bond was not passed for a Tobacco-Debt, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Deduction in Debts now due if paid in inspected Tobacco And be it further Enacted, That all Debtors now owing Tobacco, their Executors and Administrators, shall, if they pay their Tobacco-Debts now due in inspected Tobacco at Warehouses, in Pursuance of this Act, be allowed by their several and respective Creditors, their Executors or Administrators, a Deduction of one fourth Part of their said Debts or Demands.

Of Debts due to Traders And forasmuch as several, or most, of the Traders within this Province keep their Books in Money, tho' in truth their Dealings have been for Tobacco, and that the Intention both of Creditor and Debitor hath been, that the Payment should be made in Tobacco: Be it therefore Enacted, That in all such Cases the Creditor shall be paid in Tobacco, at the general Rates such Creditor dealt, at the time such Contract was made: And according to the true Intent