

four Pounds Current Money, directed by the said Act to be allowed the said Inspectors; any Thing in the said Act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Liber B. L. C.

And be it likewise Enacted, That any Justice of the Peace of any County, near the Place where any Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel shall ride, upon Application to him made, by any Person suspecting any Tobacco in any Hogshead or Hogsheads, which shall be laden on board such Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, contrary to the Directions of this Act, or any other Law of this Province; such Justice shall, and is hereby impowered and required to issue his Warrant directed to the Sheriff or any Constable of his County, and the Sheriff or Constable shall have full Power and Authority, and is hereby required to enter and go on board such Ship, Boat, or other Vessel, to search for and seize such Tobacco, and the same being seized shall be brought on shore, and carried before the same, or any other Justice, who shall cause the same to be immediately weighed, and if trashy or bad, immediately burnt; if good, carried to the Inspecting-House there to be inspected, and sold for the Use of the County. And if any Master or Commanding Officer of any Ship or Vessel, or the Skipper of any Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, or any other Person whatsoever, shall resist the Officer in the Execution of any such Warrant, every such Master or Commanding Officer shall forfeit and pay fifty Pounds; and every such Skipper, Sailor, or other Person so resisting, shall forfeit and pay twenty Pounds; which Forfeitures shall be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed; one half thereof to the Informer, the other half to be applied to the several and respective Counties, to defray the Expence that hath or may accrue in the due Execution of the first recited Act. And if any Action shall be brought against any Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Constable, or other Officer appointed by this Act for doing any Thing in Execution of this Act, the Defendant may plead the General Issue, and give this Act in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff shall be Nonsuit, or a Judgment pass against him upon a Verdict or Demurrer, the Defendant shall recover double Costs.

[Tobacco to be seized, if shipped contrary to the Intention of this Act.]

And be it likewise Enacted, That where any Person hath made Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, before any Magistrate, to any Tobacco made before the first Day of December, Seventeen hundred and forty-seven, in order to ship the same on board any Ship, Sloop, or other Vessel, and hath obtained a Certificate thereof from such Magistrate; and that such Person is dead, or shall die before such Tobacco shall be loaden on board any Vessel for Transportation; in every such Case, the Certificate of such Magistrate, before whom

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[Magistrates to grant Certificates for Tobacco, &c.]