

And for preventing the clandestine Transportation of bad and unmerchantable Tobacco, from this Province, into the Colony of Virginia, or the Province of Pennsylvania, or the Three Lower Counties on Delaware, called New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, or the reputed Limits of the said Province, or Counties, as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever, out of this Province; and also, for the better preventing the Exportation of Tobacco in Bulk or Parcels: Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Tobacco whatsoever, of the Growth or Production of this Province, shall, during the Continuance of this Act, be transported or carried either into the said Colony of Virginia, or the Province of Pennsylvania, or the Three Lower Counties upon Delaware, called New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, or the reputed Limits of the said Province or Counties as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever, out of this Province, either by Land or Water, until the same hath been first Viewed, Examined and Stamped, at one or other of the Warehouses appointed or to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, nor until due Entry thereof shall be made with the Officers of the Customs in the District wherein the Owner of the said Tobacco shall reside, and a Permit obtained from them for that Purpose. And if any Person or Persons, shall presume to carry or transport, or cause to be carried or transported, any Tobacco not inspected and Stamped, or without having obtained such Permit, as aforesaid, to the said Colony of Virginia, or the Province of Pennsylvania, or the Three Lower Counties upon Delaware, called New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, or the reputed Limits of the said Province, or Counties, as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever, out of this Province, he or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay Five Pounds, for every Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, and Twenty Shillings for every Hundred Pounds of Tobacco in Bulk or Parcel, so transported or carried out, contrary to the Directions of this Act.

And be it further Enacted, That all Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and Constables, who shall be in Office on the Thirtieth Day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three, at the first Court to be held for their respective Counties after the said Thirtieth Day of November, shall take an Oath, That if they shall at any Time know, or be credibly informed, or have good reason to suspect, that any Tobacco is pressed or packed in any Cask, Case, Chest, or other Package whatsoever, or any Tobacco is put on board any Boat or Vessel, in order to be shipped off without being Inspected, or that any Tobacco is carrying or carried out of this Province, either by Land or Water, into the Colony of Virginia, or the Province of Pennsylvania, or the Three Lower Counties on Delaware called New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, or the reputed Limits of the said Province or Counties, as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any

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[Trash Tobacco not to be transported out of the Province, by Land or Water.]

[Penalty.]

[An Oath to be taken, by Sheriffs, Constables, and Inspectors.]
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[The Oath.]