

Liber H. S. other Ports or Places whatsoever, out of this Province, without a  
 No. I Permit for so doing, they will forthwith make Information and a  
 [Penalty for particular Discovery thereof to the next Justice of the Peace of the  
 not taking County where such Tobacco shall be. And that all Sheriffs and  
 the Oath.] Under-Sheriffs respectively, which shall after the said Thirtieth Day  
 of November be Appointed or Sworn into the said Offices, shall,  
 at the Time of their being Sworn, take the same Oath, and obtain  
 a Certificate thereof; and every such Officer failing so to do, shall  
 forfeit Five Pounds Current Money to the Informer, to be recovered  
 with Costs, by Action of Debt or Information, in any Court of  
 Record within this Province. And every Inspector and Constable  
 shall take the same Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, at the first  
 Court held for the County where he resides, or at the same Court  
 if Sworn at the County Court, after he shall be Sworn into his  
 Office, under the like Penalty.

[Justices to issue Warrants for searching suspected Vessels.]  
 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 Bulk or Parcel, Hogshead or Hogsheads,  
 to be laden on board such Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, contrary  
 to the Directions of this Act, such Justice shall, and he is  
 hereby empowered 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 he is hereby required to enter  
 and go on board such Ship, Sloop, 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, Owner, 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, Owner,  
 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, Complaint, or  
 Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor  
 more than one Impar lance 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 this 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

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[Masters or  
 Skippers re-  
 sisting, to be  
 fined 50 l.  
 and the  
 Sailors, each  
 20 l.]