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And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Inspectors shall annually, in November Court, after the Sale of the Transfer Tobacco, and one Day before the laying of the County [Inspectors Levy, account with the Justices of the respective Counties upon to account Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, for all Moneys received, or which Court with ought to be received, by them, by Virtue of this Act (except the the Justices.] Money paid for Nails), for every Hogshead of Transfer: In which Account they shall be allowed their Salaries, the Rent for Warehouses, and other necessary Disbursements, in Pursuance of this Act.

And be it further Enacted, That all Debtors now owing Tobacco, [A Fourth which did arise due before the Sixteenth Day of May, Seventeen to be de- Hundred and Forty Seven, their Executors and Administrators, old Tobacco shall, if they pay their Tobacco Debts then due, in Inspected Tobacco, Debts.] 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.

tracted for Tobacco.]

And forasmuch as several, or most of the Traders, within this [Debts con- Province, have kept their Books in Money, though in Truth their Dealings have been for Tobacco, and the Intention both of Creditor and Debtor 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 p. 77 and Meaning of this Act, deducting from such Debts one Fourth Part of the Demands, as aforesaid, if the Creditor be paid in Inspected Tobacco, in Case of Debts due before the Sixteenth Day of May, Seventeen Hundred and Forty Seven, and not otherwise.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent [Notes, aforesaid, That all Judgments, Bonds, Bills, Mortgages, Bills of Bonds, &c. Exchange, Notes, or other Securities of any Kind, for the Payment given for Money, to of Money, instead of Tobacco, which have been or shall be taken, be void if in order to elude the Provision made by this Act, or the Act, entituled, were con- An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds tracted for in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees, fore May 16, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of 1747.1 Annapolis, on the Sixteenth Day of May, Seventeen Hundred and Forty Seven, for the Abatement and Deduction of Tobacco-Debts. by any Person or Persons whatsoever, to his, her, or their own Use, or to the Use or in Trust for any other Person or Persons, since the Fifteenth Day of May, Seventeen Hundred and Forty Seven, shall be Void and of none Effect.

[If Execu-

And be it further Enacted, That if any Judgment hath been rention be is- dered, or shall be rendered, and that any Execution hath been, or Case, the shall be, issued, that the Party may sue an Audita Querela; and if Party may any Person or Persons shall be sued on any such Bond, Bill, Mort-Audita gage, Bill of Exchange, Note, or other Security, taken in order to Querela.] elude the Provision made by this Act, or the Act entituled, An Act