

Pounds of Tobacco 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

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No. 1
[Penalty for
not taking
the Oath]

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 eight thousand Pounds of Tobacco and every such Skipper Sailor or other Person so resisting shall forfeit and pay three thousand two hundred Pounds of Tobacco 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 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 the 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 Demurer the Defendant shall recover Double Costs

[Justices to
issue War-
rants for
searching
Suspected
Vessels]

p. 472

[Masters or
Skippers
resisting, to
be fined
8000lb and
the Sailors
each 3200lb
of Tobacco]

[Inspectors
not to be
capable of
being Mem-
bers of the
House of
Delegates,
or Collectors
of Quit
Rents, or
Public or
County
Levies; nor
to receive
Tobacco by
way of Loan,
Barter or
Exchange]

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no Person taking upon himself the Office of an Inspector shall during his Continuance in that Office or within two Years next after he shall be out of his said Office be capable of being elected a Member of the House of Delegates or shall presume to intermeddle or concern himself with any Election of a Delegate or Delegates Otherwise than by giving his Vote or shall endeavour to influ-