

shall not be Lawful for any Person or Persons on any Pretence whatsoever to buy barter purchase or take into his her or their Possession or to sell or offer to sale either directly or indirectly any Trashy or unmerchantable Tobacco either loose or in hands in Bundle Bulk Parcel Case Hogshead or other Package whatsoever except such Tobacco as hath been heretofore lodged in any Inspection House in Pursuance of any former Law under the Penalty of four Pounds of Tobacco for every Pound of Tobacco so bought bartered purchased taken into his or their Possession or sold or offered to Sale as aforesaid

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And for the further Discovering and punishing so pernicious a Practice Be it enacted that if either Party offending as aforesaid shall make Information against the other Party or Parties so as aforesaid offending and shall prosecute such other Party or Parties so that he she or they be of the Offences aforesaid or either of them Lawfully convict to which Purpose any or either of the Parties aforesaid are hereby enacted and declared to be good and sufficient Evidence such Person so as aforesaid informing and prosecuting shall be indemnified and saved harmless from any Prosecution for the said Offence

[One party informing against the others, to be indemnified.]

And be it enacted that as often as any Magistrate shall be informed by any Credible Person on Oath or Affirmation if a Quaker that he suspects and verily beleives any Trashy or unmerchantable Tobacco is in any particular Tobacco House Barn or other Out House Ship or other Vessel Inclosure or other Place whatsoever it shall and may be lawful for such Magistrate and he is hereby authorized and required immediately upon such Information either to raise and Compel Assistance and to proceed himself or by Warrant under his hand and Seal directed to such Informer or others thereby authorizing and directing him or them to Compel Assistance and to proceed forthwith to such or any other suspected Place as aforesaid and there quietly enter it (except such House or Place be on the Plantation where such Trashy or unmerchantable Tobacco shall appear by the Oath or Affirmation if a Quaker of the Owner or of any other Credible Person to have been made or on some other Plantation belonging to such Person who made such Tobacco and also except in inspecting Houses and other Houses used by Inspectors for the convenient Carrying on and execution of this Act) And if the Person having the Care of such Place be present and will immediately permit such Entry or if the Party having the Care of such Place be not then present or being present will not permit such Entry then to enter forcibly into such or any other suspected Place and there to search for any such Tobacco as aforesaid and the same being found to take and carry away and also all other Trashy or unmerchantable Tobacco as shall be then there found to the next Inspecting House by such Officer or Officers aforesaid

[Magistrates may enter any suspected Place, quietly, if permitted by the Owner, or forcible, if refused, to search for unmerchantable Tobacco, and carry it to the next Inspection House.]