

Liber R. G. four hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Hogshead or Parcel  
1773 of Tobacco so removed rescued or attempted to be rescued as  
aforesaid

[Suits to be commenced within Six Months.] And be it enacted that if any Suit or Action shall be Commenced against any Person for what he shall do in Pursuance of this Act such Action shall be Commenced within six Months after the Fact Committed and not afterwards and the Person so sued may file Common Bail or enter a Common Appearance and plead the General Issue and may give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence and if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall be Non Suit or discontinue his Suit or if a Verdict be had against him or if upon Demurrer Judgment be given against him the Defendant shall recover Treble Costs

[Masters of Vessels not to remove Tobacco from any Warehouse without sufficient Covering.] And be it enacted that no Master or Commander of any Ship or other Vessel taking Tobacco on Freight shall remove or transport any Freight Tobacco from any Warehouse in Order to be put on Board his Ship or Vessel in any open Boat or undecked Vessel or on the Deck of any Vessel without such good and sufficient Covering as will secure such Tobacco against Rain under Penalty of three thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every offence

p. 228 And be it enacted that if any Master of a Ship or other Vessel within this Province after the first Day of January next shall receive any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco on Board his said Ship or Vessel on Freight and shall either by himself or any other Officer or Person on Board his said Ship or Vessel under his Command Cut or suffer any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco to be cut Cropped or lessened in their Length or Breadth or by any other Ways or means abused defaced or impaired to be proved by the Oath of any sufficient Person to whom the Tobacco is consigned in great Britain or other sufficient Witness taken before any Magistrate and a Certificate thereof made by any Notary Public and sent hither under his hand and Seal or by any other Legal Proof whatsoever shall forfeit and pay the Sum of three thousand Pounds of Tobacco to be recovered and applied as hereafter directed

[Nor suffer any Hogshead of Tobacco to be cut, &c.]

[Vessels to be searched.] And be it enacted that it shall and may be lawful for any Person having Tobacco on Board any Ship or other Vessel or any Collector Naval Officer or Searcher to go on Board such Ship or other Vessel in the Day Time during her Loading to search and discover whether any Breach has been made of this Act and if any Master Mariner or other Person shall hinder or oppose such Search such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Three thousand Pounds of Tobacco to be recovered and applied as by this Act directed

[Penalty on Persons opposing.]  
[Justices and Inspectors to meet yearly, to determine what Repairs, &c. are wanting in Warehouses, &c.]

And be it enacted that the Justices and Inspectors of each Respective County shall meet at the Court House of their respective Counties on the Monday after the first Meeting of every November Court Yearly if fair Weather (if not on the next fair Day) under