

# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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WEDNESDAY, May 16, 1750.

**T**HE following Land; (Passed Yesterday) is published in this Gazette by Order of the Honourable House of Assembly, that there may be an immediate Notification to all Persons, in order for a due Observation of it, viz.

An ACT to prevent the exporting of Trash or bad Tobacco.

**W**HERBAS; By an Act of Assembly, entitled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the limitation of Officers Fees. It was among other Things; enacted and declared,

"That it was the Intent and Meaning of the said Act, that nothing therein contained should affect any Tobacco that was made at any Time before the first Day of December, 1747; but that the same might be shipped, or otherwise disposed of, as the Proprietor thereof should think proper, Oath; or Affirmation if a Quaker, being made by the Proprietor of such old Tobacco, or Overseer, or other credible Person, that the same was made before the said first Day of December, 1747; which Oath or Affirmation might be made before any one Justice of the Peace, and such Justice giving Certificate of the Mark and Number of the Hoghead or Hogheads of such old Tobacco, the same might be taken on board any Ship, or Vessel for Transportation, notwithstanding any Thing in the said Act contained; Yet the Proprietor of such old Tobacco might, if he thought fit, have the same old Tobacco inspected, or subjected to Inspection, as the said Act directs, and in such Case he should have and receive all Benefits and Advantages arising to the Owner of Inspected Tobacco, in manner therein before mentioned. And whereas it appears to this General Assembly that sundry evil minded Persons have, since the making the said Act, saved, bought, and under colour of its being old Tobacco, actually exported, and now do openly and publicly save and buy up bad, trash, and unbound Tobacco, with the same View, which Practices so plainly tending to frustrate all the good and salutary Effects intended by the said Act, if not immediately remedied, must prove of very dangerous Consequence to the People of this Province.

Be it further Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Excellency and Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the 1st Day of May, 1750, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons, under any Pretence whatsoever, to export or ship off, under the Denomination of old Tobacco, or Tobacco made before the first Day of December, 1747, unless the Proprietor thereof shall bring or cause to be brought, the said Tobacco, in Hoghead or Hogheads, to some Inspection House; and when the same is so brought, deliver the same to the said Inspectors, and then and there the Proprietor, or some other credible Person, take the following Oath (or Affirmation if a Quaker) I A. B. do swear (or if a Quaker affirm) That all the Tobacco now within this Hoghead expressing the Mark and Number of each Hoghead, was really and bona fide made before the first Day of December, 1747: Which Oath, or Affirmation, the said Inspectors shall, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, to administer to the Person or Persons bringing the said Tobacco, such Person writing, or causing the same to be written; and the said Inspectors are hereby required, to return all and every the said Oaths or Affirmations to the next November County Court, to be held for the County, where the said Inspection House shall be.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Inspectors of the several and respective Warehouses within this Province, shall, and they are hereby required, to receive the said Tobacco, and stow it away, till the same shall be sent for to be shipped, and when delivered the same with a Certificate, certifying the same to have been old Tobacco, and proved such according to the Direction of this Act; for doing all which, the Inspectors, as by this Act enjoined to do, they shall receive from the Proprietor or Proprietors of such Tobacco One Shilling Current Money for each Hoghead to their own Use; and from the Person taking such Tobacco away, One Shilling for each Hoghead, for the Use of the Proprietor of the said Warehouse.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall swear or affirm falsely, of and concerning all or any Tobacco so by such Person carried to any Warehouse in pursuance of this Act, such Person so swearing or affirming, being lawfully convicted thereof, shall forfeit and suffer all the Pains and Penalties of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Master, Mate, or Boatwain, of any Ship, or other Vessel, who shall take on board, or cause, permit, or suffer, to be taken on board his Ship, or other Vessel, therein to export the same out of this Province, and every Owner or Shipper thereof, who shall cause, permit, or suffer to be shipped off from any Key, Wharf, Landing, or other Place, than from one of the Inspecting House Landings in this Province; contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, any Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco, shall for every such Hoghead forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money, one half thereof to the Informer, or to him, her, or them, that shall sue for the same, and the other half thereof to the Use of the Public School of the County where such Offence shall be committed; to be recovered in the County Court with Costs of Suit by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoyne, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

This Act to continue until the first Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and fifty-three.

## L O N D O N.

Feb. 9. On Tuesday night a gentleman in a coach was robb'd by a single footed, arm'd with a long sword and a pistol, between Whitechapel prison and Mile End, of about five pound in money. The rogue was a stout fellow, and dress'd in a brown duffel great coat. He also robb'd several foot passengers that night and the next, but has been since taken, and committed to Chelmsford jail.

Yesterday morning four men were taken out of a house in Allen-street near Clakenwell, for robbing a gentleman the night before in Hanover yard in Tyburn road; there was found upon them when taken, a gold watch a silver-hilted sword, with a gold knot, and money to a considerable value, and last night they were committed to the Gatehouse, Westminster, under a strong guard.

On Tuesday night last Mr. Clark of Roland-street, on his return from Dover Green-street, was attack'd by two fellows dress'd like charmen, who robb'd him of his hat and money, and beat him in a very barbarous manner.

On Tuesday night last a man went into an ale-house in Fuller's Rents, and call'd for beer, and after some short time took