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the benefit of laying out their Crops of Tobacco or any part thereof with  
the Merchant adventurer their factors or others bringing all sorts of goods,  
Merchandizes and servants for the purchase thereof whilst a courteous and  
active sort of people but few in number of the Inhabitants of this Province  
do buy and purchase all or most part of the goods Merchandizes and servants  
yearly brought into this Province (without consignment) for the purchase of  
Tobacco, and albeit they have not Tobacco of their own whereby to pay for the  
goods Merchandizes and servants so by them from time to time bought and pur-  
chased, Nevertheless such is the necessity of the Province that within a few days  
after such purchase they can regrate the said goods Merchandizes and servants  
and be ready for another markett thereby not only Inhaucing the price of all  
goods Merchandizes and servants (and be ready for another: but making them  
returne in one shipping) Reason, and in the meane tyme the greater number of the  
Inhabitants of this Province are disabled and totally hindered from selling  
their Crops of Tobacco unless it be to and with the aforesaid hucksters or some  
or one of them at their own dear rates and prices for the prevention thereof  
of so great amischief for the future Be it enacted by the King and Queens most  
Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall  
Assembly and the Authority of the same that whatsoever person or persons that  
from and after the publication hereof shall engross or gett into his her or their  
hands or possession by buying, Contracting or promise taking within this  
Province any goods or Merchandizes whatsoever or servants to the intent  
to sell the same again within the space of six months, and the same or any  
part thereof shall within that tyme sell again for ready Tobacco or for  
Tobacco to be paid the shipping happening) at the time of such first sale or  
for Tobacco to be shipped for payment or securing) the payment of any bill  
or bills of Exchange to be drawn for the payment of the said goods Merchandizes,  
or servants with intent to elude the benefit of this Act or the said goods Merch-  
andizes or servants shall transport out of this Province shall be reputed  
reputed and taken for an unlawfull Ingrosser and Regrator and shall suffer  
such the paynes penalties and forfeitures hereafter expressed any Law statute  
usage or custom to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding), Be it  
enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person