

The Publick Faith been much abused and damaged and many
Private persons have received great damages in their said Goods.
Be it therefore enacted by the King and Queens most Excell^t
Majesty by and with the Advice of this Generall Assembly and
the Authority of the same That what person soever shall dis-
pose of any Tobacco or other goods seized on and received by
the Sherriff for Fines or Levys or other Publick Officers Fees
or that shall alter or scratch out the Mark of any Tobacco
so received or shall alter or change the quality of Tobacco so
received or by any Merchant or others received either by in-
= casing or otherwise without any Lawfull Order or warrant
in writing under the hand of such Sherriff who received the same
or of such Merch^t or other person who had received and marked
the same or for whose use the same was received and marked
shall be liable being convicted by Confession or sufficient
witness in some Court of this Province to restore four fold to
the party grieved and stand in the Pillory two full hours during
the Court time with his Offence fairly written in a peice of
paper and placed upon his back Provided that no person
shall be Impleaded or prosecuted upon this Act after three years
from the time that the fact shall be committed.

June 4th 1697

June the 7th 1697

Assented to by the Council Board The House of Assembly have Assented

Signed M^ord^r

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John Lovell Clerk

John Benson Clerk