

by him refused to be viewed, to the Use of such Informer, to be recovered as last before mentioned.

None to remove or alter the mark of Tobacco Seized.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That no Person or Persons whatsoever, after such Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco Marked with the broad Arrow aforesaid, and before view thereof by any Officer, as aforesaid, shall presume to remove, alter or change any Hoghead so marked, as aforesaid, or the Tobacco therein, so as to avoid the Justice of this Act, nor after view and Condemnation, in manner aforesaid, shall presume to alter or change, or in any wise meddle with such condemned Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco, without leave or Licence from such Informer, under the Penalty and Forfeiture for every Hoghead of Tobacco so removed, altered or changed, as aforesaid, the Sum of *Twelve Hundred Pounds of Tobacco*, to the Use of such Informer, to be recovered in any County-Court within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Penalty.

Weight of empty Hoghead to be Markt, on the Bulge.

Six hundred Pound Tobacco Penalty.

*And be it further Enacted,* That if any Person or Persons shall, after the End of this Sessions of Assembly, pay or tender to pay any packed Hoghead of Tobacco, whereon the full weight of the empty Hoghead within *Five Pounds*, is not cut or marked upon the Bulge of such Hoghead, and be thereof convict in manner aforesaid, he or they so convict, as aforesaid, shall forfeit for every such Hoghead or Hogheads not having the weight set thereon, as aforesaid, the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco*, the one half thereof to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors towards the defraying the Charge of the County where such Offence shall be committed, the other half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in such County-Court, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Forty pound Tob. allowed for the Hoghead.

And for ascertaining what shall be allowed for the Value of Tobacco Hogheads, *Be it Enacted,* That the Receiver of any Hoghead of Tobacco, shall pay and allow to the Owner or Owners thereof, for such Hoghead received the Sum of *Forty Pounds of Tobacco*, to be added to the neat weight of such Tobacco.

Preamble as to Cropping and Squeezing.

And whereas the Inhabitants of this Province that Ship Tobacco on Board Ships and other Vessels upon Freight, are much abused by the Cropping, Cutting, Lessening and Deminishing of the Hogheads wherein such Tobacco is past, by the Masters of Ships or other Vessels, or by other Person under their Command and Government; For Remedy whereof for the future,

The Guilty Master

*Be it Enacted by the Authority, advice and Consent aforesaid,* That if any Master of a Ship, or other Vessel within this Province, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall receive any Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco on Board of 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 Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco to be cut, cropped or lessened in their length or breadth, or by any other ways or means abused, defaced or impaired, that then and in every such Case, such Master of such Ship or Vessel, for every Hoghead of Tobacco so cut, or suffered to be cut, cropped or lessened in their length or breadth, 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

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