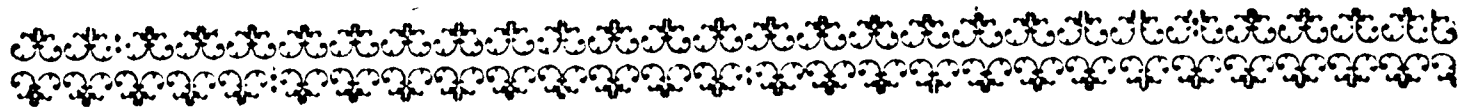


Contract to be made, take, exact, and receive, by Ways or Means of any corrupt Bargain, Loan, Exchange, Chevifance, Shift, or Interest of any Wares, Merchandizes, or other Thing or Things whatsoever, or by any deceitful Ways or Means, or by any Covin, Instrument, or deceitful Conveyance, for the Forbearance, or giving Day of Payment, for One whole Year, of and for their Money, Tobacco, Goods and Commodities aforesaid, above the Sum of Money, or Quantity of Tobacco aforesaid, for the Forbearance aforesaid, shall forfeit and lose, for every such Offence, the Treble Value of the Money, Tobacco, Wares, Merchandizes, or other Things, so lent, bargained, sold, exchanged and shifted, as aforesaid; the one Half of the said Fine and Forfeiture to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of this Government; the other Half for him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

*Pass'd* October 3d, 1704.

*Revis'd* May 30th, 1715.



№ 16. *An Act requiring the Masters of Ships and Vessels to publish the Rates of their Freight before they take any Tobacco on board.*

**B**E it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That every Master and Commander of a Ship, or other Vessel, that purposes to export Tobacco on Freight, shall, before he take any such Tobacco on board his said Ship or Vessel, publish in Writing, by a Note under his Hand, which he shall cause to be affixed on the Court-house Door of that County, where his said Ship shall ride at Anchor, at what Rate he will receive Tobacco upon Freight *per* Tun, on board his said Ship for that intended Voyage; which Note the Clerk of the County shall enter upon Record.

**A**ND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whatsoever Merchant, or other Inhabitant of this Province, shall put any Tobacco on board any Ship, Sloop, or Boat belonging to a Ship, on Freight, before such Master of such Ship hath set up such Note, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and lose all such Tobacco so shipped on board such Ship, Sloop, or Boat, or the full Value thereof in Money, whereof one Half to Her Majesty, for the Support of the Government of this Province, the other Half to him or them that will sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

**A**ND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Master or Commander of a Ship, or other Vessel, as aforesaid, shall take any such Tobacco on board his Ship or Vessel, before he hath published such Note, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit, for every such Hoghead, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

**A**ND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Master or Commander of Ship or Vessel aforesaid, that shall send any Sloop or other Craft to another Country, to fetch Tobacco to be put on board his Ship or Vessel on Freight, shall send by the Skipper or Master of such Sloop or other Craft, a Certificate from under the Hand of the Clerk of the County where such Note of Freight