

and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in the Provincial-Court of this Province against such Justices, jointly or severally, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Persons, whether Inhabitants or Foreigners, shall repair and bring their Stilliards, with which they weigh and receive their Tobacco, to the Standard yearly, and every Year, to be tried, stamp, and numbred; for which they are to pay the Person keeping the Standard, One Shilling for every Time such Stilliards shall be tried and stamp, as aforesaid: And every Person or Persons shall have their Bushel, Half Bushel, Peck, Gallon, Pottle, Quart, and Pint, if they make use of the same, or any of them, in Buying or Selling, duly tried and stamp at the Standard aforesaid; except such of the Measures aforesaid as come out of *England*, and are there stamp; for which Trying and Stamping they shall pay Six-pence a Piece. And whosoever shall presume to sell by any Dry Measures, without first having the said Measures tried and stamp at the Standard, shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco: And whosoever likewise shall presume to weigh and receive Tobacco by Stilliards, which have not, within One Year past, from such Weighing and Receiving, been tried and stamp at the Standard, shall forfeit and pay One thousand Pounds of Tobacco; the one Half of which aforementioned Forfeitures to be paid to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, towards the Defraying the Charge of the County where the Offender shall dwell or reside, and the other Half to the Informer or Informers; to be recovered in any County-Court of this Province, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed. And if any Person or Persons shall refuse to pay any Tobacco by such Stilliards tried and stamped, as aforesaid, and shall thereby compel the Owner to have them tried over again within One Year; if the Stilliards are true, such Person so refusing or compelling, as aforesaid, shall pay for the new Stamping; but if not, the Owners of the Stilliards to pay for the same.

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An Act for securing Merchants and others Tobacco, after they have received it; and declaring the altering the Mark or Quality thereof to be Felony; and against false Packing. D^o 69.

BE it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication hereof, every House-Keeper and Inhabitant within this Province, having a Plantation, whereon he maketh, or causeth to be made any Tobacco, shall build and erect, or otherwise fit up and make ready, a good tight House, with a good Door, Lock, and Key upon every Plantation where such Tobacco is made, as aforesaid, and sufficient to contain the Tobacco made on every Plantation.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Inhabitant or House-Keeper, as aforesaid, having a Plantation, whereon he maketh, or causeth to be made any Tobacco, as aforesaid, and that shall pay away and dispose of any Tobacco to any Merchant, Master or Ship-Sailor, or any other Person