

**An ACT for securing Merchants and Others Tobacco, after they have received it, and the declaring the Altering the Mark or Quality thereof, to be Felony; and against False Packing.**

**B**E it Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governour, 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 causes 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.

Every Planter to provide a good tight House, with Lock and Key

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 of Ship, Sailor, or any other Person whatsoever, shall, notwithstanding such Disposal or Payment, secure and keep the said Tobacco as he would do his own proper Goods, for and during the Space of One whole Year, commencing from the Time the Tobacco was received as aforesaid; and if any Tobacco so received as aforesaid, for Want of such House as aforesaid, should be damnified or stolen, the Person neglecting to provide such House shall make Satisfaction to the Party that received the same.

Wherein he is obliged to keep Tobacco received as he would his own, for 12 Months, at his own risk,

Provided always, That Nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed, meant or intended to make any Inhabitant or House-keeper liable to any Damage which shall or may happen to any Tobacco so left with him to keep secure, thorough any other Casualty whatsoever.

Exception

And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons whatsoever, Merchants or Others, within this Province, that have at any Time within Twelve Months last past, received, marked or nailed, or for the Future shall receive, mark or nail, any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco within this Province, of any Person or Persons, Debtors, within the same, and which hath been paid and delivered for Satisfaction to them of their said Debts, and such Merchants or Others, have upon Receipt, Marking and Nailing such Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, delivered up their Bills or other Security to their respective Debtors, of their said Debts; or if the said Merchants or Others, have given Releases or Discharges to their said Debtors, of the said Debt; and that before the said Merchant or Others could remove the said Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco from the said Debtor's Tobacco-House, if any Sheriff shall come and seize such Tobacco so marked and nailed as aforesaid, that then and

In case the Sheriff seize Tobacco received, the Creditors Remedy to enforce Re-payment from his Debtor,

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