

PROVIDED always, that nothing herein contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to any Action or Suit where the Plaintiff shall give Directions to any Attorney or Attorneys, to commence several Actions, or where a Titling or Tittlings shall be sent to the said Office or Offices, for the suing of several Writs, on one and the same Bond.

Passed May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1751. P. A. P. 3. } An ACT to prevent the Sale of  
 Trashy Tobacco.

IT is enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons, on any Pretence whatsoever, to buy, barter for, purchase, or take into his, her, or their Possession, or to sell, or even offer to Sale, either directly or indirectly, any trashy or unmerchantable Tobacco, either loose or in Hands, in Bundle, Bulk, Parcel, Case, Hoghead, or other Package whatsoever; except such Tobacco as hath been heretofore lodged in any Inspecting House (or House or Houses used by Inspectors), in Pursuance of any former Law; under the Penalty of Six Pence Current Money, for every Pound of Tobacco so bought, bartered for, purchased, taken into his, her, or their Possession, sold, or offered to Sale, as aforesaid, to be recovered, where the Penalty shall not exceed Fifty Shillings Current Money, before a single Magistrate, as in Case of small Debts; and where such Penalty shall exceed the said Sum, then and in such Case to be recovered in the County Court where such Offence shall happen, or the Party resides, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be allowed; one Moiety of such Penalty to the Informer, or him, her, or them, that shall sue for the same, together with his, her, or their legal Allowance for Attendance as an Evidence; and the other Moiety to and for the Use of the County where such Offence shall be committed, towards defraying the Charge of such County in the Execution of the Inspection-Laws: And where such Penalty shall arise by Prosecution upon Indictment, if the Informer shall not, upon Conviction, make his Claim (and which Claim, when made, shall be entered upon the Clerks Docket) to the Moiety in open Court, then and in such Case, the whole of such Penalty shall be to and for the Use of the County where such Offence shall be committed, to be applied towards defraying the Charge of Inspection as aforesaid.

AND for the further discovering and punishing so pernicious a Practices it is likewise enacted, that if either of the Parties, Offenders as aforesaid, shall make such Information against the other Party or Parties so as aforesaid offending, and shall prosecute such other Party or Parties, so that he, she, or they be of the Offences aforesaid, or either of them, lawfully convict (to which Purpose any or either of the Parties aforesaid are hereby enacted and declared to be good and sufficient Evidence), such Person so as aforesaid informing and prosecuting, shall

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