

THAT if any Person or Persons shall be sued, prosecuted, or impleaded for any Matter or Thing, by him, her, or them done, pursuant to, and in Execution of this Act; such Person or Persons so sued, prosecuted, or impleaded, shall be at Liberty to plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Informer shall be Nonsuit, discontinue his Suit, or a Verdict be had against him, then, and in either of these Cases, the Defendant or Defendants shall not only be acquitted thereof, but shall by Judgment recover against such Plaintiff or Informer treble Costs.

PROVIDED always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, that every Information to be made in Pursuance of this Act, shall be made within Three Months, next after the Offence committed, and not after.

THIS Act to continue until the first Day of *December*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three.

An ACT for amending the Staple of
Tobacco, for prevented Frauds in
his Majesty's Customs, and for the
Limitation of Officers Fees.

Passed October
12th, 1753.

WHEREAS it is thought convenient to have a Law for preventing the Exportation of bad, unfound, and trashy Tobacco, and to prevent the many Frauds in deceiving his Majesty of his Customs, and for Limitation of Officers Fees.

It is therefore Enacted, That all Tobacco which shall be exported out of this Province, shall be first brought to some or one of the public Warehouses, and shall be there viewed and inspected in Manner as is herein after expressed, That no Person shall put on board, or receive into any Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, in order to be exported therein, any such Tobacco not packed in Hogsheads, Casks or Cases, upon any Pretence whatsoever; nor in any Hogshead, Cask or Case, to be in that, or any other Ship, Sloop, or Vessel, exported out of this Province, before the same shall have been viewed and inspected, according to the Directions of this Act (except as before excepted :) But that all such Tobacco, to be received or taken on board any Ship, Sloop, or other Vessel, and to be therein exported; or to be carried or put on board any other Ship, Sloop or Vessel, for Exportation, as aforesaid; shall be received or taken on board at the severel Warehouses for that Purpose herein after mentioned; or some or one of them, and at no other Place or Places Whatsoever. And every Mas-