

ter, Mate or Boatwain, which shall arrive in this Province, in order to lade Tobacco, during the Continuance of this Act, shall, before the said Ship or Vessel be permitted to take on board any such Tobacco, make Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, before the Naval Officer of the District wherein such Ship or Vessel shall arrive, (which Oath the said Naval Officer is hereby impowered and required to administer):

“ That they will not permit any such Tobacco to be taken on board their respective Ships or Vessels, except the same be packed in Hogsheads, Casks or Cases, stamped by some Inspector, legally thereunto appointed :” Which Oath they shall subscribe in a Book, to be kept by the Naval Officer for that Purpose. And if any such Master shall cause any Person who is not really, and *bona fide*, Mate or Boatwain of the Ship, or Vessel, to come on Shore and take such Oath, he shall, for the said Offence, forfeit and pay Thirty Pounds Current Money : and if any Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel, shall take on board, or suffer to be taken on board the Ship or Vessel whereof he is Master, any Tobacco brought from any other Places than some or one of the public Warehouses herein after mentioned, or any Hoghead, Cask or Case of Tobacco, not stamped by some lawful Inspector, or shall suffer to be brought on board, any Tobacco, except in Hogsheads, Casks or Cases, stamped as aforesaid, every such Master and Commander shall forfeit and pay Thirty Pounds Current Money for every Hoghead, Cask or Case of Tobacco, which shall not have been brought from one of the public Warehouses, or which shall not be stamped as aforesaid ; and moreover, every such Hoghead, Cask or Case of Tobacco, shall be forfeited.

THAT if any Person, taking upon himself to carry any Tobacco to or from any of the said Warehouses, in his Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, for Hire, shall presume to take on board, or permit or suffer to be taken on board, any Tobacco whatsoever, in Bulk or Parcels, such Tobacco shall not only be forfeited, and may be seized by any Person or Persons whatsoever ; but such Master or Skipper offending herein shall forfeit and pay Thirty Shillings for every Hundred Pounds Weight of such Tobacco, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity : And the Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel wherein any Tobacco in Bulk or Parcels shall be found, shall, over and above the Forfeiture thereof, be liable to the same Penalty : To be recovered, if it doth not exceed Seven Pounds Ten Shillings Current Money, before any Three Justices of the Peace of any County, near the Place where such Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel shall lie ; and if it exceeds Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, in any Court of Record, by Action of Debt, wherein the Plaintiff shall recover Costs. And every Servant, Slave, or other Person, employed in navigating any such Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, who shall connive at, or conceal, the taking or receiving on board any Tobacco in Bulk or Parcel as aforesaid, shall, by Order of any one Justice, receive on his bare Back, Thirty-nine Lashes well laid on : And if such Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, be under the Care and Management of a Servant who cannot

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