

in Case any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, shall refuse to submit to such Examination, such Refusal shall be deemed and taken to be a Confession, or Proof of the Fact.

THAT if any Plaintiff in any such Case, shall knowingly Swear or Affirm falsely, and be thereof convicted, he, she, or they, shall suffer as in case of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

PROVIDED always, And it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that nothing therein contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to vacate or abolish any Contract, Bargain, or Agreement, made for the Payment of Tobacco in Specie, before the said Sixteenth Day of *May*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty Seven; but that such Bargain, Contract, or Agreement, shall be and remain in full Force and Effect; any Thing in this Act contained to the Contrary notwithstanding.

THAT all Bonds (with Power of Attorney to confess Judgment), taken for Money in lieu of Tobacco, between the Fifteenth Day of *May*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty Seven, and the First Day of *December*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty Eight, shall be and are hereby made void and of no Effect: And it shall not be lawful for any Justices of any Court within this Province, to render or give Judgment on such Bonds, by Virtue of such Power of Attorney; and no Clerk or Clerks of any Court or Courts, within this Province, shall issue or make out any Execution, upon such Judgment. And that during the Continuance of this Act, no Judgments shall be entered on any Judgment Bonds for Money, taken after the Fifteenth Day of *May* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Seven, untill the Court, Judge, or Justice, before whom a Judgment is or shall be offered to be entered up, be satisfied, that the Defendant or Defendants, is or are actually run away, nor even then, unless the Plaintiff or his Attorney in Fact, or one acquainted with the Transaction, makes Oath, that the Bond was not passed for a Tobacco Debt, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this, or the aforesaid other recited Act.

AND, whereas the excessive Quantity of Tobacco made, may, in some Measure depreciate that Branch of Trade: In order therefore to encourage the manufacturing of Hemp, Flax, and other proper Materials, for the necessary Clothing and Use of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province, and to divert Part of the People from labouring in Tobacco: That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, not making Tobacco by themselves, Servants or Slaves, within this Province, to pay, at or before the Tenth Day of *April* yearly, or as the Business, or Services, they may want in any of the Offices, shall be done, during the Continuance of this Act, as well the Poll Tax due to the Clergy, as all Lawyers, and Officers Fees, and Assessments for building, or repairing Churches, in the Current Money of this Province, rating Tobacco at Twelve Shillings and Six Pence per Hundred, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity; and that such