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great disturbance of the peace of the right hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietarie and his good people of this Province. Be it enacted by the right hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the assent of this present Generall Assembly that what person or persons soever shall forge or divulge any false reports tending to the trouble of the Province, he or they shall be by the next Justice of Peace sent for and bound over to the next County Court or the Provinciall Court (where if the thing related be materiall and that he produce not his author) he shall be fined two thousand pounds of Tobacco (or lesse if the Court shall thinke fitt to lessen it) and besides give bond with security for his behaviour (if it appears to the Court that he did maliciously publish or invent the same the one half to the Lord Proprietary and the other half to him or them that shall in form of the same be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province And further if any such Idle and Buff-headed person shall forge or maliciously publish or invent any false reports or tales of any of his Lordships Justices of the Provinciall Court (shall by the Justice of Peace to whom such complaint be made be bound over to the next Provinciall Court But if the offence be committed against any of the Justices of any of the County Courts that then such person be bound over to the County Court where the same offence was committed in the severall and respective Counties) to be fined or to receive such corporall punishment (not extending to life or member) as to the Justices of that Court shall seem meet. This act to endure for three yeers or to the end of the next Generall Assembly

An Act For the making void and punishing of all fraudulent practices tending to the defrauding of heall purchasers and Creditors

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