

An Act imposing a penalty on all
such who shall dispose of Tobacco seized
and Received by the Sheriff & others

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Whereas Divers and great grievances have happened with
in this Province through the many cheats and deceits that
many have used in disposing of and altering the mark &
and qualities of Tobacco after the said Tobaccos have
been seized on and Received by the Sheriff either for fines
Leaves or his Lordships Rent or hath been paid away
to Merchants or others and by them marked & Received
whereby both the publick hath been much abused and
wronged and many private persons have received
great damages in their said goods Be it therefore Enac-
ted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by & with
the consent of the upper and lower houses of this present
Generall Assembly that what person soever shall dis-
pose of any Tobacco or other goods seized on or Received
By Sherifes for Fines Leaves or his Lordships Rent
or other publick Officers fees or that shall alter or scratch
out the mark of any Tobacco so Received or that shall
alter or change the quality of Tobacco so Received or by
any Marchant or other Received either by uncaseing
or otherwise without Lawfull order or warrant in write
ing under hand of such Sheriff who has Received the
same or of such marchant or other person who has had
Received and marked the same or for whoes use the same
was Received and marked shall be liable being convic-
ted by Confession or Sufficient Witnesse in some Court of
this Province to Restore four fold to the party grieved
and to Stand in the Pillory two full hours during the
Court time with his offence fully written in a piece of
paper and placed upon his back Provided no person
shall be impleaded or prosecuted upon this act after
twelve months from the time that the Fact shall be
committed Provided also That this act shall continue
for three years or to the end of the next Generall
Assembly and no longer

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary
of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore

The Humble Petition of Joshua Gilbert

Humblly Sheweth

That