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He is hereby enjoyned and Comanded under the penalty of one thousand pounds  
of Tobacco to be forfeited to His Majesty aforesaid to direct a precept to the next  
Court of Sessions or Constables of such Shire or County where such things are supposed to  
be concealed hereby Comanding at the request of such Informer to make  
Search for such things as aforesaid unlawfully imported within such Shire  
shall direct and the same having found to seize and detain for the use of  
His Majesty and Informer aforesaid And the same to be kept within days in  
which time if the Owner thereof or person in whose possession found do not  
cause the same to be returned and find sufficient Security to return the  
goods If it be found they were unlawfully imported than the Officer  
that seized them shall deliver the said goods to the Sheriff who is hereby enjoyned  
to make Sale of them for the use of His Majesty and the Informer aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that  
the same Statute in this behalf made on the part of this Province shall be  
repealed to make it appear in any Court of Record in this Province that such  
things seized as aforesaid are not liable to seizure as aforesaid which if they  
do the same be quit and carry his goods away but if they do not the Seizer shall  
have judgment to have the goods and things so by him seized returned to the  
Owner to be delivered to the Informer and the other half to remain in the Custody  
of the Sheriff for the Queens use This Act to endure for three years or to the end  
of the next general Assembly which shall first happen.

September 23<sup>d</sup> 1704

Read and assented to by the

House of Delegates Maryland

September 26<sup>th</sup> 1704

Read and assented to by His Majestys

Honourable Council

Maryland October 3<sup>d</sup> 1704

On behalf of Her Majesty he shall this be a Law.

Jo: Seymour.

Great Seal of Maryland

*[Large decorative flourish]*