

Act touching the Standard of English Weights

And touching the Standard of English Weights and Measures agreeable to the Standard of Weights and Measures in the Majesty's Exchequer in England and in the several Counties of this Province.

It is enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Honourable Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that all persons whether Inhabitants or Foreigners shall repair and bring their Weights with which they weigh and receive their Tobacco to the Standard yearly and every year to be type stamped and numbered for which they are to pay to the person keeping the Standard one Penny for every true such Weights shall be tried and stamped as aforesaid and every person or persons that shall have their Weights tried and stamped as aforesaid shall be bound to use the same in buying and selling of any of the said Measures aforesaid as come out of this Province and are to use the Stamp for which they shall pay for the stamping the aforesaid Measures six pence a piece.

And whosoever shall presume to sell by any dry Measures without first having the said Measures tried and stamped at the Standard shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred pounds of Tobacco.

And whosoever shall presume to weigh and receive Tobacco by Weights which have not within one year past from such weighing and receiving been tried and stamped at the Standard shall forfeit One thousand pounds of Tobacco the one half of which forfeitures to be to her Majesty her Heirs and Successors towards the Defraying the Charge of the County where the Offender shall dwell or reside and the other half to the Informer or Informers to be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province by Bill Plaint or Information which no Plea shall be allowed.

And if any person or persons shall refuse to pay any Tobacco in Weights tried and stamped as aforesaid and shall knowingly