

Cutt, Cropt, or Lesned in their Length or breadth abused or Impaired  
 to be proved by the oath of any suff<sup>t</sup> Person to whom the Tobacco is consigned  
 in Great Brittain or other sufficient witness taken before any Justice of the Peace  
 and a Certificate thereof made by any Notary Publick or Magistrate and  
 either under his hand and Seal or by any other Legall proof whatsoever  
 in this Province or elsewhere shall forfeit and pay the Sume of six hundred  
 pounds of Tobacco or fifty Shillings to the party grieved to be recovered in any  
 Court of record within this Province against such Master or his security by Action of  
 Debt or on the Case within seven years after the date of the Bill or Bills of  
 Lading of such Tobacco AND be it enacted that the security or securities of any  
 Master of a ship or vessel within this Province shall be liable to make satisfaction  
 according to this act for the Cropping cutting abusing or spoiling and purloining  
 any hoggshead or hoggsheads of Tobacco as aforesaid prosecuted for the same in any  
 Court of record within this Province that can take plea thereof and that every  
 Naval Officer within this Province shall on pain of fifty Shillings Certificate under  
 his hand and Seal who are the security or securities of any such Master or Masters  
 do shew Evidence in any Court of record where such action is commenced to prove  
 who are the security or securities of such Master for which Certificate the said  
 Officer may have & receive one Shilling and no more and that the several and  
 respective Naval Officers within this Province shall hang a fair Copy of  
 this Law up in their respective Offices for the perusal of all Masters of ships  
 and vessels the Naval Officer to have and receive for the said Copy one hundred  
 pounds of Tobacco to be allowed in the County Levy this Act to continue in force  
 from the tenth day of October next for and during and until the tenth day  
 of December next shall be in the year of our Lord God one thousand  
 seven hundred & fifteen

2<sup>d</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1711 Read and assented to by the  
 House of Delegates Signed  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam 84.  
 Sec.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1711 Read and assented to by  
 Maj<sup>ty</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council & Sign  
 W. Bladen & Con.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1711

By the Command of Her most Sacred Majesty Queen Ann of Great Brittain  
 I will this be a Law Edw<sup>d</sup> Lloyd Sec.

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