

Read and presented to by the House of Delegates and signed by the Honorable William Blount
 On the 3^d of 1715 On the Petition of the most Sacred Majesty King George of Great Britain &c. will this be a Law.

An Act for Securing Merchants and others Tobacco after they have received it and Declaring the altering the mark or Quality thereof to be felony & against false Packing.

Be it Enacted by the King most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governor Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that from and after the Publication hereof every Housekeeper and Inhabitant within this Province having a Plantation whereon he maketh or causeth to be made any tobacco shall build and erect or otherwise fit up and make ready a good tight house with a good door Lock and Key upon every plantation where such Tobacco is made as aforesaid and sufficient to contain the Tobacco made on every plantation. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every Inhabitant or housekeeper as aforesaid having a plantation whereon he maketh or causeth to be made any tobacco as aforesaid and that shall pay away and Dispose of any Tobacco to any Merchant Master of Ship Saylor or any other person whatsoever shall not withstanding such disposall or payment Secure and keep the said tobacco as he would do his own proper goods for and during the Space of one whole Year Commencing from the time the tobacco was received as aforesaid and if any Tobacco so received as aforesaid for want of such house as aforesaid should be Damptified or Stolen the person Neglecting to provide such house shall make Satisfaction to the party that received the same. Provided always that nothing in this act Contained shall be Construed meant or Intended to make any Inhabitant or housekeeper liable to any damage which shall or may happen to any tobacco so left with him to keep Secure through any other Casualty whatsoever. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that any person or persons whatsoever merchant and others within this Province that have at any time within two