

by action of debt Bill Plaintiff or Information wherein no Esgyne protection or Wager of law to be allowed Provided always that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to the repealing abrogating or disannulling the Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly begun & held at Annapolis the twenty-third day of October anno Domini seventeen hundred & eleven intituled an Act Ascertainning the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads & to prevent Cropping Cutting & defacing tobacco taken on board shippes & Vessells upon freight or any ways to take away & lessen the Effect thereof but that the same in all respects shall be & continue in force before the twenty fourth day of September next but that the said recited Act shall remain till then in full force & no longer AND be it further enacted that if any person or persons shall after the end of this Session of Assembly pay or tender to pay any packt Hoghead of Tobacco whereof the full weight of the empty Hoghead or the full weight within five pounds is not Cut & Market on the Scale of such Hoghead & be thereof Convict in Manner aforesaid or they so Convict as aforesaid shall forfeit for every such Hoghead or Hogheads not having the weight sett thereon as aforesaid the sume of six hundred pounds of Tobacco the one halfe thereof to our Sovereign Lord the King his heirs & successors towards the defraying the Charge of the County where such offence shall be Comitted the other halfe to the Informer or to him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered in such County Court by action of debt Bill Plaintiff or Information wherein no Esgyne protection or Wager of law to be allowed AND for the better Ascertainning what shall be allowed for the Value of a Tobacco Hoghead Be it enacted that the receiver of any Hoghead of Tobacco shall pay & allow to the Owner or Owners thereof for such Hoghead received the sume of forty pound of Tobacco to be added to the Great Weight of such Tobacco AND whereas the Inhabitants of this Province that ship their Tobacco on board shippes & other Vessells upon freight are much abused by Cropping Cutting & defacing & diminishing of the Hogheads wherein such Tobacco is Packt by the Masters of Shippes or other Vessells or by other persons under their Comand & Government for remedy whereof for the future Be it enacted by the authority advice & Consent aforesaid that if any Master of a Ship or other Vessel within this Province after the end of this present Session of Assembly shall receive any Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco on board his said ship or Vessel on freight & shall either by himselfe or any other Officer or person on board his said ship or Vessel under his Comand Cut or