

and number as aforesaid, are hereby required to make a true Report of their Proceedings, and Number of Plants on each Plantation, in their respective Precincts, to the Clerk of the Court for that County wherein the said Precincts respectively lie, on or before the Tenth Day of *August* Yearly.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Person so appointed and sworn, to examine and number Tobacco-Plants, and to cut up and destroy Stalks, Slips, and Suckers, as aforesaid, failing to make such Report of their Proceedings, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence: And if the said Persons so appointed to examine and number, and to cut up and destroy Stalks, Slips, and Suckers, as aforesaid, shall (knowingly) allow any Person whatsoever, to plant or tend, on his or her Plantation, any more Plants of Tobacco than are herein and hereby before allowed, or to tend any Seconds, Slips, or Suckers; each Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, And it is hereby Enacted,* That the Clerk of every County-court, shall (without Fee or Reward) fairly transcribe all such Reports as shall be returned to him by the Persons appointed in Pursuance of this Act, for numbering of Plants of Tobacco, and shall set up the same in the Court-house of the said County, at the two next succeeding Courts after such Return, so as the same be made Three Days at least before the Court Day; and shall also file and keep the original Reports in his Office: And where it shall so happen, that any Parish shall lie in two Counties, in such Case a Return shall be made of the Number of Plantations and Plants in each County, to the Clerk of the County wherein such Plantations shall lie, to be transcribed and set up and filed by the Clerk of such County, in Manner aforesaid; and the Clerk of any County, failing to do his Duty herein, shall forfeit and pay one Thousand Pounds of Tobacco.

*Provided always,* That where any Plantation shall be in two Parishes, the Tobacco-plants tended thereon, shall be accounted and taken to be within that Parish or Precinct where the Servants or Slaves employed thereon, do reside, or the Quarter for them is situated; and the Persons appointed within that Precinct where such Quarter stands, and no other, shall view, examine, count and make Return of the Tobacco-plants tended on such Plantations accordingly.

*Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That all Masters of Families and Housekeepers, and all Overseers of distant Plantations, shall give in to the Constables appointed to take the List of Taxables Yearly, when they give in an Account of their Taxables, a true Account of the Names of every Person above Twelve, and under Sixteen Years of Age, for whom any Benefit of tending Tobacco is allowed by this Act; and shall so distinguish in his or her List of Taxables, which of the Persons therein mentioned are allowed to tend Tobacco, as aforesaid. And every Master of a Family, Housekeeper, or Overseer, failing so to do, shall forfeit and pay One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for each Person: And if any Person shall list or enter with the said Constable, any Person under Sixteen Years of Age for a Taxable, or that is under Twelve Years of Age, to be above that Age, or a Labourer in his or her Crop, who is not hereby allowed to tend Tobacco; in either Case the Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for every such Person so falsely entered or listed: And every Constable who shall be hereafter appointed to take the List of Taxables, is hereby directed and required to take and make separate Lists of the Names of all such Persons above Twelve, and under Sixteen Years of Age; and shall return such Lists in the same Manner as the List of Taxables are returnable, to the Clerk of each respective County-court, at or before the Fifteenth Day of *May*.