

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, That every Prosecution, for any of the Penalties contained in this Act, *for false Packing, or untaring, or false taring, or conniving at, or concealing the same,* shall be heard, and finally determined, by a single Magistrate, as in Cases of Small Debts. Any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, That such Parts of the said recited Acts, as impose any Penalty for the Offences of *false Packing, false Taring, and not Taring; and directing the Manner of prosecuting for such Penalties:* And also that Part of the said recited Act which allows *Forty Pounds of Tobacco, for each Hogshead paid away,* shall be and are hereby repealed and abrogated.

*AND BE IT ENACTED*, by the Advice, Consent, and Authority aforesaid, That the Act *ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco-Hogsheads; and to prevent cropping, cutting, and defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight; and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per the Hogshead, for the Support of Government; and for the encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the Manner of paying His Lordship's Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents, for the Term therein proposed; and for the taking off the Three-Pence per Hogshead formerly raised for the Publick Charge,* shall be and continue until the Twenty Ninth Day of September, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Two, except such Parts of Clauses thereof, as are repealed or altered by this present Act.

*AND WHEREAS*, it is not doubted, but that the Execution of this Act will reduce the Quantity of Tobacco usually made and exported very considerably; but in Regard that Reduction cannot be certainly known, and that it will, in all Probability, be very advantageous to the Country, it is reasonable and just, that an Equivalent should be paid to the Lord Proprietary, for the Loss he would otherwise sustain by lessening the Exportation. And whereas, upon a Computation of the Tobacco exported in Seven Years, beginning in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty One, it appears in a Medium to be Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Six Hogsheads Yearly; the Duty whereof, at Three Shillings per Hogshead, amounts to Four Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Three Pounds and Eight Shillings *Sterling*,

*BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED*, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Three-pence per Hogshead directed to be laid out, and applied to purchase Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province, or such Part thereof as shall be necessary, shall be applied towards making up what the Three Shillings per Hogshead on all Tobacco that shall be exported from the Twenty Ninth Day of September, in this present Year, and the Twenty Ninth Day of September, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty One, and due and payable to his Lordship, in Lieu of Rents and Alienation Fines, and for the Support of Government, shall fall short of Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three Pounds Eight Shillings *Sterling*. And that if the said Three Shillings per Hogshead and the said Three-pence per Hogshead shall fall short of the said Sum  
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