

And to the End, that the said Tobacco may be effectually destroyed, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act,

*BE IT ENACTED*, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Justices of the several and respective County Courts, shall, at the several County Courts, to be held in the Month of June, next ensuing this present Session, appoint Two good substantial Persons, not being Councillors, Delegates, Magistrates, Clergimen, Sheriffs, or Physicians, of good Character and known Probity, in each Precinct, appointed for the Counters of Tobacco Plants, by the said Act of Assembly, entituled, *an Act for the Improving the Staple of Tobacco; & for continuing Part of an 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; & 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:* Who shall by Virtue of their Office, and this Act, take Copies of the said several Counters Lists returned into the County Court; which said Lists, the several Clerks of the County Courts, are hereby required to deliver them, within Twenty Days after such Appointment; and the Persons so appointed, shall also by Virtue of their Office, and this Act, destroy or cause to be destroyed, by reducing the same to Ashes, the several Quantities of Tobacco already mentioned, and take the following Oath, (or Affirmation if a Quaker) *viz.*

*I A. B. do swear. (or affirm) That I will well and truly destroy, or cause to be destroyed, the Quantity of Tobacco, appointed and directed by an Act of Assembly, entituled, An Act to make and emit Thirty Six Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit; and for easing the Inhabitants of this Province; and to raise a Fund to sink the said Bills of Credit, to be destroyed according, to the Directions of the said Act, within my Precinct, without Favour, Partiality, Prejudice, or Corruption.*

*PROVIDED ALWAYS*, No Person who shall be appointed by the respective County Courts, to put this Act in Execution, shall be liable or obliged to take any Oath or Oaths to the Government, to qualify him for the said Trust, nor liable to any Pains, Penalties, or Forfeitures, for not taking any of the Oaths to the Government; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*AND BE IT ENACTED*, by the the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That every such Person, so to be nominated and appointed, shall have immediate Notice of such Nomination and Appointment, during the Sitting of the said Court, with an Order from the said Court or Courts, to attend the same Court, in order to qualify him or themselves, as directed by this Act.

*AND BE IT ENACTED*, by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person who shall be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, by the County Courts, and who shall refuse to attend, in order to be qualified as aforesaid,