

Action or Suit, now depending, or hereafter to be commenced, to give any such Account so proved, or to be proved, in Evidence, to support such Action or Suit; and for every Defendant to give any Account so proved, or to be proved, or which may have been proved according to the Directions of the said Act, in Evidence, in his or her Defence, in any such Action or Suit: So as every Account that shall be so given in Evidence, either by Plaintiff or Defendant, in any Action now depending, shall be filed with the Clerks of the respective Courts, within this Province, the Second Day of the next Provincial Court, and the Second Day of every County Court, to be held next after the End of this Session of Assembly; and so as such Accounts so proved, or to be proved as aforesaid, and that shall be given in Evidence, by any Plaintiff or Defendant, in any Action or Suit hereafter to be commenced, shall be filed with the respective Clerks, according to the Directions of the said Act, past in the Year of our Lord, Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Nine; any Defect, Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*An ACT to prevent the clandestine Running or Importation of Trashy and other Tobacco, from the Colony of Virginia, into this Province.*

FOR preventing the clandestine Running or Importation of Trashy or other Tobacco, out of *Virginia*, into this Province,

*BE IT ENACTED*, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That all Masters, Mates, and Boatswains, of Ships and Vessels whatsoever, that shall take or receive on Board Tobacco, within this Province, shall be obliged, at the Time of their respective Entries, or within Ten Days after, to make Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, before the Naval Officer of the District where their Vessels shall be, That they have not, nor will not, wittingly or willingly, take or receive, or suffer to be brought on Board, any Hoghead, or Hogheads, Chest, Case, Bundle, or Fardle of Tobacco, that shall be brought from the Colony of *Virginia*, unless the said Hoghead, or Hogheads, Chest, Case, Bundle, or Fardle of Tobacco, have past some Inspectors Stamp, with a proper Certificate of the said Tobacco's having been duly inspected, according to the Tenor of the *Virginia* Tobacco Law. And if any Master, Mate, or Boatswain, or any other of the Vessels Crew, shall receive on Board any Hoghead, or Hogheads, Chests, Cases, Bundles, or Fardles of Tobacco, the said Master, Mate, or Boatswain, shall, for every Offence, being duly and legally, convicted, by Confession, Verdict, or otherwise, forfeit and pay, for every such Hoghead, Bundle, Case, Chest, or Fardle of Tobacco, so taken on Board, contrary to this Act, the Sum of Twenty Pounds current Money of *Maryland*; One Half to the Lord Proprietary, to defray the Charge of the County where the Offence shall be committed, and the other Half to him or them who will sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of