

the Sum of Fifteen Shillings Current Money, for every Hogshead so by him refused to be viewed, to the Use of such Informer : To be recovered as last before mentioned.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, after such Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, marked with the Broad Arrow aforesaid, and before View thereof by any Officer, as aforesaid, shall presume to remove, alter, or change, any Hogshead so marked as aforesaid, or the Tobacco therein, so as to avoid the Justice of this Act, nor after View and Condemnation in Manner aforesaid, shall presume to alter or change, or in any-wise meddle with such condemned Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, without Leave or License from such Informer, under the Penalty and Forfeiture for every Hogshead of Tobacco so removed, altered, or changed, as aforesaid, the Sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to the Use of such Informer : To be recovered in any County Court within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.*

*AND whereas, the Inhabitants of this Province, that ship Tobacco on Board Ships and other Vessels upon Freight, are much abused, by the cropping, cutting, lessening, and diminishing the Hogsheads, wherein such Tobacco is packed, by the Masters of Ships or other Vessels, or by other Persons under their Command and Government : For Remedy whereof for the Future,*

*BE it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and 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 Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, on Board his said Ship or Vessel upon Freight, and shall either by himself, or any other Person, or Officer, on Board his said Ship or Vessel, under his Command, cut, or suffer any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, to be cut, cropped, or lessened, in their Length or Breadth, or by any other Ways or Means, abused, defaced, or impaired; that then, and in every such Case, such Master of such Ship or Vessel, for every Hogshead of Tobacco so cut, or suffered to be cut, cropped, or lessened, in their Length or Breadth, abused, defaced or impaired, to be proved by the Oath of any sufficient Person, to whom the Tobacco is consigned in *Great-Britain*, or other sufficient Witness, taken before any Magistrate, and sent hither under his Hand and Seal, or by any other legal Proof whatsoever, made in this Province, or elsewhere, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Fifty Shillings *Sterling*, to the Party grieved : To be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province, against such Master or his Sureties, by Action of Debt; or on the Case, within Two Years after the Date of the Bill or Bills of Lading of such Tobacco.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Security or Securities of any Master of Ship or Vessel, within this Province, shall be liable to make Satisfaction, according to this Act, for the cropping, cutting, abusing, defacing, or impairing, any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, as aforesaid, and prosecuted in any Court of Record within this Province, that can hold Plea thereof; and that every Naval Officer within this Province, shall, on Pain of Fifty Shillings *Sterling*, certify*