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tify under his Hand and Seal, who are the Security or Securities of any such Master, which shall be sufficient Evidence in any Court of Record, where such Action is commenced, to prove who are the Security or Securities of such Master; for which Certificate, the Naval Officer may have and receive One Shilling, and no more: And that the several and respective Naval Officers within this Province, shall hang a fair Copy of this Act in their respective Offices, for the Perusal of Masters of Ships and Vessels: The said Naval Officer to have and receive for the said Copy, One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be allowed in the County Levy.

BE it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons having the immediate Rule, Direction, or Government of any Plantation where Tobacco is or shall be made, shall false pack any Hogshead, or use any fraudulent or deceitful Practice or Means to conceal or hide any Frost-bitten, Trashy Ground Leaves, small Scrubs, Stalks, Stems, Wood, Dirt, or any manner of Trash, or decayed old Tobacco, and shall offer to tender or pay away the same as good merchantable Tobacco, and shall be convict of such false packing, before any Justice of the Peace; who shall, by Virtue of this Act, have Cognizance thereof, as in Case of small Debts, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to the Party to whom such Tobacco shall be paid or tendered, or offered to be paid, if such Party will prosecute for the same within Two Months after the Offence committed: And in Case such Party should neglect or refuse to prosecute, the said Penalty shall and may be recoverable by any other Person, to his own Use, that will inform and prosecute for the same within Three Months after such Neglect or Refusal aforesaid, before any such Justice; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person paying away any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, shall mark, or cause to be marked, on the Buldge thereof, within Five Pounds of the real and exact Weight of the empty Hogshead, on Pain of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco: To be recovered and applied in the same Manner, as the Penalty for false packing.

AND be it Enacted, That the Allowance for the Hogshead from the Buyer to the Seller, shall be Eight Pence Current Money of Maryland, or Six Pounds of Tobacco, at the Election of the Buyer, for every Hundred Weight of Tobacco the Hogshead shall contain, and so *pro Rato*; which shall be in full Satisfaction for the Hogshead. And to prevent the making of Seconds,

BE it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons having the Direction of any Plantation or Place where Tobacco shall be made, shall be obliged Yearly and every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, to cut up, or cause to be cut up, all the Tobacco Stalks on such Plantation or Place, within the Space of Twenty Days after the Tobacco shall be cut down and housed, on Pain of forfeiting Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Person employed in making Tobacco on such Plantation or Place: One Moiety to be applied towards supporting the Publick School of the County where the Fact shall be committed; and the other Moiety to any Person or Persons that will sue for the same: To be recovered in the County Court, where the Penalty shall exceed Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco,