

Day of June, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Fourteen. : And one other Act, intituled, *A supplementary Act, to the Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province, from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law*; made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Third Day of October, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Eight, shall be and are hereby revived and continued in full Force, for and during the Term of Three Years next ensuing; and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, that shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

An Act for Limitation of the Time of shipping Tobacco.

WHEREAS Tobacco, the only Staple of this Province, and the principal Dependance and Support of its Inhabitants, hath been generally for many Years past, shipped very late in the Summer, to their great Damage, and the Detriment of the Navigation of *Great-Britain*:

FOR Prevention whereof for the future, *Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same*, That all Persons making or shipping Tobacco, within this Province, after the Twenty Fifth Day of December next, during the Continuance of this Act, that shall ship any Tobacco between the last Day of August, and the Twenty Fifth Day of November then next, in any Year, shall forfeit such Tobacco, or the full Value thereof; One Moiety to His Lordship, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him, her, or them, that will sue for the same: To be recovered in the proper County Court, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information; wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That if any Master of a Ship, or other Sea Vessel, within this Province, or any other Person, between the said last Day of August, and the Twenty Fifth Day of November, in any Year, during the Continuance of this Act, shall receive, take, and put on board such Ship or Sea Vessel, any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, every such Master shall incur the Forfeiture and Penalty of Fifty Shillings Current Money, for every Hogshead of Tobacco which shall be received, taken, or put on board by the said Master, or any other Person; One Moiety of the said Penalty to the said Lord Proprietary, His Heirs and Successors, the other Half to the Informer, or him, her, or them, that will sue for the same: To be recovered before a single Magistrate, as in Case of small Debts, where the Sum does not exceed Fifty Shillings: And where the Fine exceeds Fifty Shillings, to be recovered in the proper County Court, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information; wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

THIS Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.