

this Province; and also for the better preventing the Exportation of Tobacco in Bulk or Parcels; *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Tobacco whatsoever, of the Growth or Production of this Province, shall, during the Continuance of this Act, be transported or carried either into the said Colony of Virginia, or the Province of Pennsylvania, or the three Lower Counties upon Delaware, called Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, or the reputed Limits of the said Province, or Counties, as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever out of this Province, either by Land or Water, until the same hath been first viewed, examined, and stamped, at one or other of the Warehouses appointed, or to be appointed, in Pursuance of this Act; nor until due Entry thereof shall be made with the Officers of the Customs, in the District wherein the Owner of the said Tobacco shall reside, and a Permit obtained from them for that Purpose. And if any Person or Persons shall presume to carry or transport, or cause to be carried or transported, any Tobacco not inspected and stamped, or without having obtained such Permit as aforesaid, to the said Colony of Virginia, or the Province of Pennsylvania, or the three Lower Counties upon Delaware, called Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, or the reputed Limits of the said Province, or Counties, as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever out of this Province, he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay five Pounds for every Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, and twenty Shillings for every hundred Pounds of Tobacco in Bulk or Parcel, so transported or carried out, contrary to the Directions of this Act.

*And be it further Enacted,* That all Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and Constables, who shall be in Office on the first Day of December next, shall, at the first Court to be held for their respective Counties after the said first Day of December, take an Oath, That if they shall at any Time know, or be credibly informed, or have good Reason to suspect, that any Tobacco is pressed or packed in any Cask, Case, Chest, or other Package whatsoever; or any Tobacco is put on board any Boat or Vessel, in order to be shipped off without being inspected; or that any Tobacco is carrying or carried out of this Province, either by Land or Water, into the Colony of Virginia, or the Province of Pennsylvania, or the three Lower Counties on Delaware, called Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, or the reputed Limits of the said Province, or Counties, as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever out of this Province, without a Permit for so doing; they will forthwith make Information, and a particular Discovery thereof, to the next Justice of the Peace of the County where such Tobacco shall be. And that all Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs respectively, which shall, after the said first Day of December, be appointed or sworn into the said Offices, shall, at the Time of their being sworn, take the same Oath, and obtain a Certificate thereof; and every such Officer failing so to do, shall forfeit five Pounds Current Money to the Informer; to be recovered with Costs, by Action of Debt, or Information, in any Court of Record, within this Province. And every Inspector and Constable shall take the same Oath, or Affirmation, if a Quaker, at the first Court held for the County where he resides; or at the same Court, if sworn at the County Court, after he shall be sworn into his Office; under the like Penalty.

And any Justice of the Peace of any County, near the Place where any Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, shall ride, upon Application to him made by any Person suspecting any Tobacco, in Bulk or Parcels, to be on board such Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, shall, and is hereby empowered and required to issue his Warrant, directed to the Sheriff, or any Constable of his County: And the Sheriff and Constable shall have full Power and Authority, and is hereby required to enter and go on board such Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, to search for and seize such Tobacco; and the same being seized, shall be brought on shore, and carried before the same, or any other Justice, who shall cause the same to be immediately weighed; and if trashy or bad, immediately burnt; if good, carried to the Inspecting House, there to be inspected and sold for the Use of the County. And if any Master, or commanding Officer, of any Ship or Vessel, or the Skipper of any Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, or any other Person

Duty of Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and Constables, in suppressing such Exportation.

Inspectors and Constables, to take the same Oath.

Duty of Justices in such Case.