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lawful, unless Payment of the same shall be tendered in Inspector or Inspec-

tors Notes or Receipts.

XVIII. AND for restraining the undue Practice of mixing trash with Size of Tostemmed Tobacco, and preventing the packing Tobacco in unsizeable Casks, fineads, Be it Enasted and Declared, That all stemmed Tobacco not laid streight, whether the same be packed loose or in Bundles; and all Tobacco packed in Hogsheads which exceed Forty-eight Inches in the Length of the Stave, and Seventy Inches in the whole Diameters within the Staves at the Croze and Bulge, shall be accounted unlawful Tobacco, and shall not be passed or received: But the Owner of such Tobacco, packed in Casks of greater Dimensions than before expressed, shall be obliged to repack the same in fizeable Cask, at his own Cost and Charge, before the same shall be stamped

by the laid Inspectors.

XIX. AND be it further Enacted, That if any Person whatsoever shall Punishment forge or counterfeit the Stamp, Note, or Receipt, of any Inspector, or In- for forging Notes or spectors, or tender in Payment any such forged or counterfeited Note or Stamps. Receipt, knowing it to be such; or export, or cause to be exported, any Hogshead, Cask, Case, Chest, Box, or other Package of Tobacco, stamped with a forged or counterfeit Stamp; or demand Tobacco of any Inspector, or Inspectors, upon any such forged or counterfeited Note or Receipt, knowing such Note or Receipt, or such Stamp, to be forged or counterfeited; or shall put or pack into any Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, stamped by any Inspector, any Tobacco whatsoever; or shall draw or take out any Stave, Plank, or Heading-board of any Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, after such Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, shall be delivered out from any of the public Warehouses aforesaid; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted by due Course of Law, shall receive Thirty-nine Lashes on his, her, or their bare Back, and stand in the Pillory for the Space of Two Hours; and that in all such Cases, the Testimony of the Inspector, or Inspectors, joined with other strong and corroborating Circumstances, shall and may be admitted as Evidence.

XX. AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That Inspectors if any Inspector or Inspectors Notes or Receipts be casually lost, missaid, Notes or Reor destroyed, the Person or Persons intitled to receive the Tobacco by Virtue lost, missaid, of any such Note or Receipt. shall make Oath or Affirmation if a Our lost of any such Note or Receipt, shall make Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, or destroyed; before a Justice of the Peace of the County where the same is payable, to the in what Man-Number or Date of every such Note or Receipt, to whom and where pay-bacco conable, and for what Quantity of Tobacco the same was given, and that such tained therein Note or Receipt is lost, missaid, or destroyed; and that he, she, or they, at vered notthe Time such Note or Receipt was lost, mislaid, or destroyed, was law-withstanding. fully intitled to receive the Tobacco therein mentioned; and shall take a Certificate thereof from such Justice: And upon producing a Certificate of such Oath or Affirmation to the Inspector or Inspectors who signed such Note or Receipt, and lodging the same with them, the said Inspector or Inspectors shall, and he or they are hereby directed to pay and deliver to the Person obtaining such Certificate, the Tobacco for which any such Notes or Receipts were given (if the same, or any Part thereof, shall not have been before by him or them paid, by Virtue of the said Notes or Receipts,) and shall be thereby discharged from all Actions, Suits, and Demands, on Account of such Notes or Receipts. And if any Person shall be convicted of Penalty and making a falle Oath or Assirmation, or producing a forged Certificate, in the Punishment in Case aforesaid, he shall forseit and pay Thirty Shillings Current Money for Swearing and every Hundred Pounds Weight of Tobacco contained in such Certificate, Forgery. and to in Proportion for a less Quantity; and moreover, upon Conviction in any Court of Record, shall suffer as in Case of wilful and corrupt Perjury.