

But do leave it to be the first thing considered at the next Sessions of A^s ^{by}
 Signed J. Order Tho Grunwin C of the Lower house.

Ordered that the Bill drawn up by this house Prohibiting unreasonable Tares of hogs &c. be recorded in this Journall according to the Vote of this house yesterday Viz^t —

All Acts Prohibiting unreasonable Tares of Hogs heads and for punishing false Package of Tobacco —
 It being Manifest that the great Quantities of Tobacco Planted in this Province and our Neighbouring Plantation, and the false & deceitfull packages of hogs which contain it together with the excessive Tares of the said hogs have not only glutted all Markets with bad Tobacco but hath wearied the Merchant out of the Trade by false package and unreasonable Tares, so that sufficient Necessaries and Clothing for the People of this Province is not imported as formerly was usual, so the end therefore the Quantity be lessened, the Quality amended, and consequently the mutuall Confidence between the Merchant and Planter may restore our Trade now ruined and decayed: ^{for} ^{the} ^{two} ^{houses} ^{of} ^{Assembly}
 Do pray that it may be enacted, And be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the Advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower houses of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same; that from and after the Twentieth Day of July next ensuing no Planter Merchant or other Inhabitant of this Province shall presume to false pack any Hogs head of Tobacco by putting therein, any rotten frost bitten Ground Leaves or Seconds or worse Trash in the Middle or any part of the hogs head than what is in the head and plain View of the Hogs head under the Penalty of having every such Hogs head of Tobacco so falsed packed & forfeited burnt by the Sheriff or other Publick Officer of the Provincial or County Court where the same shall be condemned and one thousand pounds of Tobacco for every such hogs head, to be paid, the Moiety or one half thereof to the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, the other half to the informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province where in no Spoyne Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed, and to the end it may be ascertained what shall be good Evidence to prove any such fraud in false Packing as aforesaid and to prevent if possible all manner of Practices or Devices to avoid the Penalty thereof Be it also enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice & Consent aforesaid, and the Authority of the same that it shall and may be Lawfull for every Merchant, Planter, Factor, Receiver or other Person of what Degree or Quality soever employed to receive Tobacco within this Province for himself or others having with him one Witness besides himself to Draw out of any hogs head of Tobacco sentred him in payment four Samples, two whereof to be kept by himself and the other two by the —