

until he has finished that year's crop which he shall be obliged to do by the first day
of ^{the} ^{month} ^{of} ^{the} ^{year} ⁱⁿ ^{which} ^{it} ^{is} ^{finished} ^{that} ^{the} ^{owner} ^{thereof} ^{give}
due notice to the Constables of the hundred where he lives that such Constable
within ^{the} ^{days} ^{to} ^{be} ^{such} ^{qualified} ^{Tobacco} ^{brant} ^{which} ^{Constable} ^{shall} ^{be}
obliged to see it done in his presence for which services for all within his jurisdiction
the Constable of each hundred shall be allowed in the County Levy the sum of
pounds of Tobacco of Annual and that the Constables neglecting his Duty herein shall
be fined for every such neglect the sum of ^{pounds} of Tobacco to be recovered and
applied ^{and} ^{the} ^{plf.} ^{concealing} ^{or} ^{otherwise} ^{disposing} ^{of} ^{any} ^{such}
unqualified Tobacco so as he does not produce the same and conceal it in the presence
of the Constable shall be liable to the like penalties as first mentioned to the
use and to be recovered as aforesaid

3.

That no person shall touch with or Deal with any Children servants or Slaves for any
such unqualified Tobacco notwithstanding he or they have obtained leave of the Parents
of such Children or Master or Owners of such servants or Slaves under the penalty
for the use and to be recovered &c

4.

That no Tobacco be planted in any year after the last of June yearly under the
penalty - This Law to continue for three years and to the end of the
next Session after the said three years - Its further offered to the Consideration
of this House that a Clause be added to this Law that any person may pay all his
Tobacco Dues to the publick, and County Levys and the forty shillings to the
Minister of the parish excepted in the charter of the flag and Hong such as shall be
made upon any of the Lands within this province the flag at nine pounds of Tobacco
and the Hong at six pounds of Tobacco of pound to be tendered and paid at the same
Convenient place where the Tobacco shall be due. - Signed J. Griffith Esq. Committee

On Reading whereof the Question was put whether the first paragraph thereof
shall stand as it now is or not - Carried in the affirmative by the Majority of votes -
as to the second Ordered it be left out the third to stand with penalty on both
Buyer and Seller if a freeman and Legals find 12 shillings if a servant or Slave incapable
to pay fine Discretionary in the Justice as to corporal punishment not exceeding
thirty nine lashes, afterwards the Question was first whether the paragraph with
the Amendment as it shall stand or not - Carried in the affirmative by
the Majority of votes - The House Adj. till one o'clock in the afternoon

Postmeridien, the Petition of John Smith and John Lowrey Poor Prisoners
was read and referred till Monday next - The Pet. of James Lloyd Esq. of Pemberton
read and referred till Monday next - Cold Ward from the Upper house Delivered
Mr. Speaker the following Message viz - By the Upper house of Assembly July 9. 22. 1721

Gentlemen It being represented to this house by severall of the Chief Officers of the
Militia that the Capt. and other officers under their Command are Discouraged
from performing their Duty by being rather Despised and affronted than respected
Obeyed by the private Soldiers which they conceive is chiefly Occasioned by an
of Power in the Capt. of the several Troops and Companies to fine those who do not
observe their Duty as the Law Directs but must apply to two of the field
Officers for that purpose who knowing the frequent Disappointments
that attend the hearing such Complaints do not care to take the trouble
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