

Pursuant to an Order of the Honourable House of Representatives, of the 7th of *December*, the following BILL, which was then brought in to the House, and referred to the Consideration of next Session of Assembly, is here annexed, for the Perusal of the Inhabitants of this Province, *viz.*

An ACT to enable the Proprietors of inspected Tobacco, to remove the same from the Inspecting Houses, to other Warehouses, convenient for the lading thereof on board Vessels for Exportation.

WHEREAS Ships and Vessels are greatly delayed in loading with Tobacco within this Province, occasioned by the Distance of Inspecting Houses from each other, and many of them being necessarily fixed for the Convenience of the Planters, on the Heads of Creeks and Rivers, where Vessels of any considerable Burthen cannot go, and even small Craft are often long detained from the Shallowness of the Water, and it being often impracticable, for a Length of Time, to remove Tobacco by Reason of the Ice; all which Delays greatly discourage Trade, and the Expences occasioned thereby, fall ultimately on the Makers of Tobacco To Remedy therefore such Inconveniencies for the future, for the more safe keeping of Tobaccos and Encouragement of Trade;

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That

Warehouses on both Sides the Bay, to be appointed for Storing inspected Tobacco.

That on the Western Shore, and on the Eastern Shore, be and are hereby appointed Places on and in which Warehouses may be built for the Reception, Storing, and safe Keeping of Tobacco, for Exportation, in Manner herein after mentioned.

III. And be it further Enacted, That any Person or Persons whatsoever, may at his, her, or their Will and Pleasure, and by Consent and Agreement between him, her or them, and the respective Proprietors of the Land, at the Places aforesaid hereby assigned and appointed for erecting Warehouses, set up, erect, and build in and upon any of the Places aforesaid, good Framed Warehouses, each Warehouse being not less than Forty Feet in Length, and Twenty Feet in Breadth, covered with Shingles, and floored

In what Manner to be built.

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