

of, by and at the Direction of the said Warehouse Keeper or Keepers, and also re-stow and re-place all Tobacco that may be thereby put out of its Place, and the said Warehouse Keeper or Keepers, may by virtue of this Act refuse to give any such Receipt or List, before the same shall be done.

Punishment for Forging Receipts, &c.

XV. And be it further Enacted, That if any Person whatsoever, shall Forge, Counterfeit, or Alter, any Warehouse Keeper or Keepers Receipt, or offer in Payment any such forged, counterfeited, or altered Receipt, or publish the same knowing it to be such, every Person so offending, shall receive Thirty-nine Lashes on his or her bare Backs, and stand in the Pillory for the Space of Two Hours, and that the Testimony of the Warehouse Keeper or Keepers, joined with other strong and corroborating Circumstances, shall and may be admitted as Evidence.

Punishment for wilfully burning Warehouses.

XVI. And be it further Enacted, That if any Person whatever, shall wilfully Burn or set Fire to, with Intent to burn any Warehouse, to be erected in virtue of this Act, whether such Warehouse then hath any Tobacco therein or not, every such Person being thereof convict by Confession, or Verdict of a Jury, or peremptorily challenging above the Number of Twenty Jurors, or on his or her Arraignment, wilfully standing Mute, or refusing to plead, shall suffer Death as a Felon, without the Benefit of Clergy.

If burnt by Accident.

XVII. And be it further Enacted, That in case any Warehouse to be erected in virtue of this Act, should happen to be burnt, and the Tobacco therein or any Part thereof be thereby destroyed, the Public of this Province shall not in any wise be burthened or charged therewith; but the same shall be the Loss of the Proprietors thereof; any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Person to be obliged to remove his Tobacco from Inspecting Houses.

XVIII. And be it further Enacted, That this Act, nor any Thing herein contained, shall compel or be construed to compel the Proprietors of any Tobacco, to carry, to lodge, or store in any of the said Warehouses to be erected by virtue of this Act, their said Tobacco; but every Person whatsoever, may freely Ship the same off from the Inspecting Houses, as if this Act had not been made.