

be Registered with the rest on a publick Record ) examining the several Officers Accounts that are appointed for the Landings, to see how much he has Shipped from thence, and comparing that with the Constables List of the Number his Taxables, to detect him if he has Transgressed the Law and in that case to destroy the Overplus, and fine him considerably, if it appears to be a considerable or wilful Transgression.

But, as there will unavoidably be something over or under, which will be occasioned by the Difference of Weights, Regard therefore ought to be had to that, and so much *per Cent.* as shall be thought reasonable, allowed for it: Not that so much more be allowed to be made, but where it comes within that Allowance it should not be destroyed, but the Planter charged with so much Shipped off that Year more than his Number of *Pounds*, which must be deducted out of his next Year's Crop; and so on the contrary, where he falls short of his Quantity, to have Credit for the ensuing Year.

This is still to be understood, where it comes within so much *per Cent.* as may be allowed, for if it exceeds that Allowance, it is to be presumed a wilful Transgression, and ought to be destroyed. All this will not be near so troublesome, as the Method proposed in the Law, for ascertaining a Number of Plants, where the Officers were to be obliged to go into every Man's Field, and count the Number of his Plants, in which he would be often deceived and imposed on. And as to the Expence, as the Trouble is not so much, the Charge cannot be more, and here is a Reward for delivering our Tobacco will defray that Charge.

*Objection the Fourth.* Still there will be a Difficulty of discovering whether those Persons comply with the Law, who lay out their Tobacco in the Country, and do not ship it.

*Answer*