

County within this Province But the same shall be fairely and methodically transcribed by each respective County Court into the said Booke or Register to be provided as aforesaid and written in the Beginning of the said Booke—

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Bee itt likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That An Act intituled An Act concerning a Register of Birthes Marriages & Burialls made in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred fuety & Eight be & is hereby Repealed and made voyd this Act to endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly—

An Act imposing a penalty on all such who shall dispose of Tobacco Seized and Received by the Sherriffe and others.

Whereas divers and great greivances have happened within this Province through the many cheates and deceits that many have vsed in disposing of and altering the marke and qualities of Tobacco after the said Tobaccos have been seized on And Received by the sherriffe either for fines Leavyes or his Lordships Rent or hath been payd away to Marchants or others and by them marked and Received whereby both the Publick hath been much abused and wronged and many private persons have Received great damages in their said goods Bee itt therefore Enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by and with the Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly that what person soever shall dispose of any Tobacco or other goods seized on or Received by Sherriffes for fines Leavyes or his Lordships Rent or other Publick officers fees or that shall alter or Scratch out the marke of any Tobacco soe Received or that shall alter or Change the quality of Tobacco soe Received or by any Marchant or other Received either by vncaseing or otherwise without Lawfull order or Warrant in writeing vnder hand of such sherriffe who has Received the same or of such Merchant or other person who has had Received and marked the same or for whose vse the same was Received and marked shall be lyable being convicted by Confession or Sufficient wittness in some Court of this Province to Restore four fould to the party grieved and to stand in the Pillory two full houres dureing the Court time with his offence fairely written in a peece of paper and placed vpon his back Provided noe person shall be impleaded or prosecuted uppon this Act after twelve moneths from the time that the fact shall be Comitted Provided alsoe That this Act shall Continue for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly and noe longer

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