

neglected or delayed to be received as aforesaid It shall & may be lawfull to such Debtor or Debtors att any tyme between the twentyeth day of November and the twentieth day of January in every yeare during the continuance of this Act, and att no other tymes, to repaire to the next Justice of the Peace, and there before him upon making Oath of such Tobacoe being ready tendered and neglected refused or delayed to be received as aforesaid The said Justice shall and is hereby enjoyned to appoint two sufficient honest persons of the Neighbourhood where such Debtor dwells to view search and look att such Tobacco so ready to be paid in discharge of the Debt and tendered as aforesaid which said Two persons so appointed shall take their Oaths to be Administred by the Justices aforesaid well & truly to try and examine into the matter aforesaid and make reporte thereof to the Justice aforesaid. And if upon receiving the same it be found that the Tobacco is cleane sound and merchantable and fitt to be paid in discharge of the debt aforesaid they shall & are hereby Impowred & authorized to Marke the said Tobacco in hogsheads on the head and Bulge for such Creditor aforesaid and weigh the same, and to signifye the neat weight thereof unto the Justice aforesaid which Tobacoe so tendered neglected or refused, viewed marked and weighed as aforesaid shall forever after be esteemed and taken as the propper Tobacoe & goods of the Creditors and in absolute discharge of the debt aforesaid or of soe much thereof as the same Tobacoe neatly weighs. Provided that each hogshead weighs four hundred neat and above And because many Contracts Bills and Bonds may be of different natures and circumstances, It is Declared and Enacted that upon every such viewing as aforesaid the Creditor his Factor or his Attorney shall have notice thereof by the Debtor, and that if he doe not come to the place and make knowne by shewing the Contract or Obligacōn the Circumstances or Natures of the Contract or Obligacōn If the Tobacoe viewed be cleane from Trach sound & Merchantable it shall be marked and weighed in discharge of such debt, be the same by what other Circumstances whatsoever And the persons in whose houses the said Tobacco lyes or shall lye shall look after and preserve the same for one whole yeare, as they are obliged to doe to Tobacco actually received by any Creditor Merchant or others any Law Statute or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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From
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An Act for Settling Assemblyes & Provinciaall Courts and Erecting a Court house att Annarrundell Towne in Annarrundell County.

Acts of 1694,
ch. 29
(Repealed
by 1700,
ch. 8)

Whereas it has been Represented to the Burgesses of this present Generall Assembly as a great and Extraordinary Grievance that persons Inhabiting the uppermost parts of this Province should be obliged to attend Assemblyes and Provinciaall Courts att the City of St. Maryes being the Lowermost part of the westerne side thereof, by which meanes it doth often happen that not only many persons are