

thereof but shall by Judgment recover against such Plaintiff or Informer Treble Costs

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Provided always and it is hereby enacted and Declared that every Information to be made in Pursuance of this Act shall be made within three Months next after the Offence Committed and not after

[Informations to be made in 3 months]

And be it further enacted that no Master or Commander of any Ship or other Vessel taking Tobacco on freight shall remove or Transport any Freight Tobacco from any Warehouse in order to be Put on Board his Ship or Vessel in any Open Boat or undecked Vessel without such Good and Sufficient Covering as will Secure such Tobacco against Rain under Penalty of Sixteen hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Offence to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province by Action of Debt Bill of Indictment or Information one half thereof to the Informer the other half to the Defraying the Charges of putting this law in Execution

[Freight-tobacco not to be carried in open boats]

And Whereas the Inhabitants of Frederick County above Conno-  
gohegue Creek are Farmers and are so far distant from any Justice of the Peace that the Trouble and Charge Attending the making Oath or Affirmation as to their not being Tobacco Makers as herein before directed lays them under unreasonable Hardships in Obtaining the benefit intended them by this Act in Paying Money in lieu of Tobacco Be it therefore enacted that the said Inhabitants in Frederick County above Connogocheague Creek shall and may make the Oath or Affirmation aforesaid either before a Justice of the Peace of the said County or the Sheriff or any of his Deputies a Certificate of the making which Oath or Affirmation Signed both by the Person taking and the Person making the same being delivered to the Sheriff or his Deputy such Sheriff or Deputy shall give a Receipt for the same to the Person making such Oath or Affirmation

[Farmers in Frederick County]

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And Whereas in many Places Warehouse Room is much Wanted and Wharfs Cranes and other Conveniences required by Law to be Provided are either not built erected and Found or are much out of Repair Be it therefore enacted that the Justices and Inspectors of each Respective County shall meet at the Court House of such County on the second Tuesday of December Yearly if Fair Weather (if not on the next fair day) under the Penalty of eight hundred Pounds of Tobacco each at which said meeting it shall be determined by a Majority of the Justices then Present upon the best Information they can get from the said Inspectors and Otherwise what Buildings Additions or Repairs Wharfs Cranes or other Conveniences Required by this Act are wanting at each Respective Warehouse and the said Justices shall Appoint two Justices most Convenient to each Warehouse not being Proprietor or Proprietors of such Warehouse to Agree and Contract for such buildings Additions repairs Wharfs Cranes and other Conveniences as shall be Determined

[Justices and inspectors to meet yearly, on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of December, to enquire about and provide for necessities at the several inspection houses]