

ever blunt the weapons of falsehood and break the arrows of slander. As a proof that I have strictly adhered to it thro' all I have alledged, I refer you to the Journals and Proceedings of both Houses of Assembly properly printed herein, and likewise to his Lordship's patent by Royal Charter.

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A BILL, 1765, TO PERMIT THE REMOVAL TO OTHER WAREHOUSES OF INSPECTED TOBACCO AWAITING EXPORT

[DRAFT OF A BILL INTRODUCED IN THE LOWER HOUSE AT THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1765, SESSION, TO ALLOW THE OWNERS OF TOBACCO, WHICH HAD BEEN INSPECTED AND STORED IN ACCREDITED WAREHOUSES, TO REMOVE IT TO OTHER WAREHOUSES WHICH WERE MORE CONVENIENT FOR LOADING IT ON VESSELS FOR EXPORT. THE LOWER HOUSE, WITHOUT TAKING FURTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPON IT, ORDERED THAT THE BILL BE PRINTED AND REFERRED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NEXT ASSEMBLY. THE BILL WAS EVIDENTLY A TRIAL BALLOON SENT UP FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING THE REACTION OF THE PUBLIC TO IT. AS NO BILL OF THIS KIND BECAME A LAW AT THE 1766 SESSIONS, EITHER THERE WAS NO PUBLIC DEMAND FOR IT, OR IT MET WITH OPPOSITION IN THE UPPER HOUSE. IT WAS ISSUED FROM THE PRESS OF JONAS GREEN IN 1766 AS A PAMPHLET OF SIX PAGES WITH ITS OWN PAGINATION, BUT WAS DISTRIBUTED STITCHED IN WITH THE PRINTED *Votes and Proceedings* OF THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1765, SESSION.]

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OF THE 7TH OF DECEMBER, THE FOLLOWING BILL, WHICH WAS THEN BROUGHT IN TO THE HOUSE, AND REFERRED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF NEXT SESSION OF ASSEMBLY, IS HERE ANNEXED, FOR THE PERUSAL OF THE INHABITANTS OF THIS PROVINCE, VIZ.

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An Act to enable the Proprietors of inspected Tobacco, to remove the same from the Inspecting Houses, to other Warehouses, convenient for the lading thereof on board Vessels for Exportation.

Whereas Ships and Vessels are greatly delayed in loading with Tobacco within this Province, occasioned by the Distance of In- Preamble.