

An Act requiring the Masters of Shipp and Vessells to publish the rates of their ffreight before they take any Tobacco on board. Lib. L. L.
No. 64.

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that every Master and Comander of a Shipp or other Vessell that purposes to export Tobacco on ffreight shall before he take any such Tobacco on board his said Shipp or Vessell publish in Writing by a Note under his hand which he shall Cause to be affix'd on the Court door of that County where his said Shipp shall ride at Anchor at what rate he will receive Tob^o upon freight p Tonn on board his said Shipp for that intended Voyage which Note the Clerk of the County shall enter upon Record.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that whatsoever Merchant or other inhabitants of this Province shall put any Tob^o on board any Shipp Sloop or boate belonging to a Shipp on ffreight before such Master of such Shipp hath sett up such Note as aforesaid he shall forfeit and loose p. 152 all such Tobacco so Shipt on board such Shipp sloop or boate or the full value thereof in mony Whereof one half to her Majesty for Support of the Government of this Province the other half to him or them that will sue for the same to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province by Accon of Debt bill plaint or Information wherein no Essoyn protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Master Comander of Shipp or other Vessell as aforesaid shall take any such Tobacco on board his Shipp or Vessell before he hath publish'd such Note as aforesaid he shall forfeit for every such hogshead the Summe of twenty shillings to the uses aforesaid to be recovered as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every Master & Comander of Shipp or Vessell as aforesaid that shall send any Sloop or other Craft to another County to fetch Tobacco to be put on board his Shipp or Vessell on freight shall send by the Skipper or Master of such Sloop or other Craft a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of that County where such Note of freight was publish'd as aforesaid Certifying the rate of his freight and publication thereof as aforesaid under the penalty of forfeiting forty shillings sterl to the uses aforesaid to be recovered as aforesaid And the Collectors and Navall Officers shall at the Charge of the County where such Collectors and Navall Off^{rs} inhabitt procure Copys of this Law for each Copy whereof the said County Clerk shall have tenn pounds of Tobacco and no more and affix the same