

Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That every labouring Taxable Person, and Overseer, within this Province, have Liberty to tend Seven Thousand Plants of Tobacco, and no more, (except as is hereafter excepted;) and that all Male or Female labouring Persons, above Twelve, and under Sixteen Years of Age, have Liberty to tend Three Thousand Five Hundred Plants of Tobacco, and no more, upon any Plantation or Plantations, in any one Year, during the Continuance of this Act.

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Provided always, That all Male Persons, being Housekeepers and Planters, and not having any Taxable Servant or Slave, and all Widows, and all Females Sole, having Land, and being Housekeepers, and not having more than one Taxable Person, shall have Liberty to tend for themselves Ten Thousand Plants of Tobacco; for every Male or Female labouring Person, between Twelve and Sixteen Years of Age, to them belonging, the Liberty of tending on his or her Plantation, Five Thousand Plants of Tobacco, and no more; and for every white Woman, belonging to such Housekeepers Five Thousand Plants, and no more; and that no such Housekeeper have any Allowance for more than Two white Women.

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And for the better explaining what Sort of labouring Taxables and others, are intended by this Act, to be restrained from making Tobacco,

Be it enacted, and declared, That no Master of a Family, keeping an Overseer, and having Six Taxable Servants or Slaves, that work in Tobacco, or any Master of a Family, keeping no Overseer, having Six Taxable Servants or Slaves, that work in Tobacco, or any Servant or Slave, being a Tradesman, who shall at any Time between the First Day of April and the First Day of September, work at his or their Trade or Trades, upon the Plantation or Plantations of his or their Master or Mistress, or shall at any Time or Times whatsoever, work at such Trade or Trades, upon the Plantation or Plantations, of any other Person or Persons, or any Servant or Slave, who shall at any Time between the First Day of April, and the First Day of September, be employed as Coachman, Groom, Waitingman, Cook, Dairy-maid, or in any other Domestick Office, or Service, in, or about the Dwelling House of his or her Master or Mistress, and white Women, (except as before excepted) shall be allowed to plant any Tobacco.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Vestry of every Parish within this Province, shall every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, upon the Fifteenth Day of May, Yearly, (if the same be not Sunday, and if it shall so happen, then on the next Day after,) lay out their respective Parishes into Precincts, and appoint Two Persons in each Precinct, to examine and enquire of the Names, and Number of the Persons hereby allowed