

Liber B. L. C. Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the twenty-first Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and fifty, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons, under any Pretence whatsoever, to export or ship off, under the Denomination of old Tobacco, or Tobacco made before the first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and forty-seven, unless the Proprietor thereof shall bring or cause to be brought the said Tobacco, in Hogshead or Hogsheads, to some Inspection-House; and when the same is so brought, deliver the same to the said Inspectors, and then and there the Proprietor, or some other credible Person, take the following Oath (or Affirmation if a Quaker); I A. B. do swear (or if a Quaker affirm), that all the Tobacco now within this Hogshead (expressing the Mark and Number of each Hogshead) was really and bona fide made before the first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and forty-seven: Which Oath or Affirmation the said Inspectors shall, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, to administer to the Person or Persons bringing the said Tobacco, such Person writing, or causing the same to be wrote; and the said Inspectors are hereby required to return all and every the said Oaths or Affirmations to the next November County Court, to be held for the County where the said Inspection-House shall be.

[No old Tobacco to be exported after May 21, 1750, unless brought to an Inspection-House.]

[Inspectors required to receive such Tobacco.]

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Inspectors of the several and respective Warehouses within this Province shall, and they are hereby required, to receive the said Tobacco, and stow it away 'til the same shall be sent for to be shipped, and then deliver the same, with a Certificate certifying the same to have been old Tobacco, and proved such according to the Directions of this Act; for doing all which, the Inspectors, as by this Act enjoined to do, they shall receive from the Proprietor or Proprietors of such Tobacco One Shilling Current Money for each Hogshead to their own Use; and from the Person taking such Tobacco away, one Shilling for each Hogshead, for the Use of the Proprietor of the said Warehouse.

[Penalty on Persons swearing falsely.]

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall swear or affirm falsely, of and concerning all or any Tobacco so by such Person carried to any Warehouse in Pursuance of this Act, such Person so swearing or affirming, being lawfully convict thereof, shall forfeit and suffer all the Pains and Penalties of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

p. 488 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Master, Mate, or Boatswain of any Ship or other Vessel, who shall take on board, or cause, permit, or suffer to be taken on board his