

ACTS OF THE ASSEMBLY PASSED DURING NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1773

At a Session of Assembly begun and holden at the City of Annapolis the Sixteenth day of November in the Third Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Henry Harford Esquire absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland And Soforth Annoque Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three and ended the Twenty third day of December following.

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The following Laws were Enacted and Assented to by His Excellency Robert Eden Esquire Governor

No. 1 An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs

Whereas it is thought convenient by this General Assembly to have a Law for preventing the Exportation of bad unsound or Trashy Tobacco and to prevent the many Frauds in his Majestys Customs

[Preamble]

Be it therefore enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that all Tobacco which shall be exported out of this Province after the first day of January next shall be first brought to one of the Public Warehouses herein after mentioned and shall be there viewed and inspected in Manner herein after expressed except such Tobacco as hath been inspected under any Act of Assembly of this Province or under private Agreement

[Tobacco exported after the first of January to be first inspected, except such as hath been inspected by private Agreement]

provided always and be it enacted that no Tobacco already inspected or hereafter to be inspected under private Agreement shall as such after the first Day of November seventeen hundred and seventy four be delivered at any of the said Warehouses for Exportation any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

[proviso]

And be it enacted that Public Warehouses for the Inspection of Tobacco pursuant to this Act shall be kept at the several Places herein after mentioned that is to say in the County of Saint Marys at Chaptico on the Land of the late Philip Key on a Plantation where a certain Gilbert Machev lived. At Saint Innegoes on the Land of Stephen Milburn; At Wicomoco on the Land of John Llewelin; at the Court House on the Land of Abraham Barnes on Saint Cuthburts Creek on the Land of Francis Brooke at Town Creek on the Land of Hugh Hopeweel. In Kent County at Chester Town At Worton Creek on the Land of Richard Graves called Buck

[Public Warehouses established.]
[In St. Mary's]

[Kent]