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Truth of the Same soe farr as he knoweth And that the mates Boatswaine or any other seaman shall be sworne if the Collecto^r See Cause to discover the Truth, of the said ffreight & if any master or masters of any shipp or other vessell shall wittingly or willingly Conceale any p^t of his ffreight from the said Collecto^r or Collecto^{rs} appointed as aforesaid & shall thereof be Lawfully Convicted then the said master or masters shall forfeit for Every Such offence the value of all such Tobacco Soe concealed to the L^t Gen^l to be Recovered by accōn of debt Bill or plaint in the Provinciall Co^t of this Province By virtue of this Act Ag^t w^{ch} noe Essoyne wayer of Law or Proteccōn shal be allowed to any pson Soe offending And be it ffurther Enacted & Ordeyned That if any master or masters shall passe Bills of Exchange for the s^d Imposicōn that then the Collecto^r or Collecto^{rs} are hereby Required and Authorized to take Sufficient Security for the True & good paym^t of the Same And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all & Every Merchant ffacto^r or master th^t shall buy any Tobacco in this Province and the Same shall Carry away in Boates or Sloopes or otherwise to be shipped on any shipp or vessell Anchoring in Virginea side the Plant^r shall Before the delivery of the said Tobacco Receive of the merchant ffactor or master to whom the Same shal be Sould the Said Impost of Six pence p hogshead for Every Hogshead by him Sould vnless the Said merchant ffactor or master shall pduce a discharge for paym^{ts} thereof vnd^r the hand or hands of the Collecto^r or Collecto^{rs} impowred to Receive the same w^{ch} if any Plant^r or Plant^{rs} shall neglect to doe them the said Plant^r Soe offending shall pay & be Answerable for the same himselfe to the Said Collecto^r or Collecto^{rs} who shall be impowred to Receive the Same

An Act to Avoid dowble paym^t of debts

Whereas divers ffacto^rs merchants & Inhabitants (Selling by Retaile) keeping bookes doe demand debts of their Custom^{rs} vpon their Bookes Long time After the Same hath bene due And when as they have Supposed the p^ticulars and certainty of ware delivered to be forgotten then Either they themselves or their Servants or others for them have in their Bookes divers other wares supposed to be deliu[']ed to the Same p^ties or to their vse which in Truth never were delivered & this of purpose to increase by Such vndue meanes the said debt And whereas the said ffacto^{rs} merchants or Inhabitants have Received all the Just debt due vpon their Said Bookes doe often Times Leave the same Bookes vncrossed or any way discharged Soe as the debto^{rs} their Executo^{rs} or Administr^{rs} are often by Suite