

Baskett Chest, Box, or Case, on all Tobacco that shall be exported out of this Province, by Land or by Water, be raised, levied, and paid to Her Majesty, towards the Defraying the Publick Charge of this Province, by all Masters of Ships, and other Vessels trading into this Province, in Money Sterling of Great Britain, or by good and sufficient Bills of Exchange to be collected by the Naval Officers of the Port or District, where such Ship or Vessel shall clear; and the said Naval Officers are directed and required by this Act to receive the same in Money Sterling of Great Britain, or by good and sufficient Bills of Exchange accordingly: And the said Naval Officers shall account and pay for the said Imposition of Three Pence per Hogshead, and the Three Pence for every Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco, contained as above, in Money Sterling, as aforesaid, or such Bills of Exchange, to the Treasurers of this Province, who are hereby required to render an Account thereof, and pay the same in Money Sterling, as aforesaid, or such Bills of Exchange, to the General Assembly; Any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said Imposition of Three Pence per Hogshead, and Three Pence for every Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, contained as abovesaid, shall be appropriated by the General Assembly of this Province towards the paying the Publick Charge thereof, and to no other Use whatsoever.

And be it further Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Tobacco should by any Casual Means be lost after the Imposition paid, that then and in all such Cases the Owner or Freighter of all such Tobacco shall have free Liberty to freight and ship off the like Quantity again, without paying the said Imposition.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That One Act of Assembly, begun and held at the Town and Port of Annapolis the Fifth Day of September, Anno Dom' One thousand seven hundred and four, Intituled, An Act for laying an Imposition of Three Pence per Hogshead on Tobacco, for Defraying the Publick Charge of this Province, and every Article, Clause, Matter, and Thing therein contained, shall be, and is hereby utterly Repealed and made Void: And this present Act to be and endure in full Force and Strength for the Term of Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly after the Three Years.

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