

Term of One whole Year ; the one Moiety of all such Forfeitures to be to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and the other Moiety thereof to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

P R O V I D E D, That this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall not debar, or be construed to debar or hinder any Person or Persons whatsoever within this Province, by or out of any Goods or Merchandizes by him or them so bought or purchased, as aforesaid, to satisfy and pay unto any Workman or Servant the Hire or Wages of him or them, due for any Work or Service whatsoever.

*Pass'd* October 3d, 1704.

*Revis'd* May 21st, 1715.



№ 20. *An Act for Settlement of an Annual Revenue upon Her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the time being.*

W H E R E A S by an Act of Assembly formerly made, Intituled, *An Act for Providing a Support for the Lord Proprietary of this Province ; and likewise a Supply for Defraying the publick Charge of the Government ;* It was by the said Act published and declared, That from and after the First Day of *September* then next ensuing, there should be raised, levied, collected, and paid to the said Lord Proprietary the Sum of Two Shillings *Sterling*, for every Hoghead, or Quantity of a Hoghead of Tobacco, which should be at any time thereafter shipped in any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province, on Condition that his said Lordship should receive his Rents, and Fines for Alienation of Lands, in good, sound, merchantable Tobacco, when tendred, at the Rate of Two Pence *per* Pound for one Moiety of the said Imposition: The other Moiety, by the said Act raised, to be employed towards maintaining a constant Magazine, and defraying other publick and necessary Charges of the Government.

A N D whereas former Assemblies, upon strict Inquiry made into the Premisses, did find his said Lordship had not only been very deficient, and at small Charges and Expences in maintaining a Magazine, as aforesaid, but that this Province hath been obliged to defray all publick Charges arising for the Support of Government, by way of an equal Assessment upon the Inhabitants thereof (the several Provisoes in the aforesaid Act to the contrary notwithstanding.) And whereas also his said Lordship, the aforesaid Moiety of Two Shillings *per* Hoghead, under pretext of maintaining a Magazine, as aforesaid (until the Time of Their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary* taking this Province under their immediate Protection) did convert to his own Use, to the Impoverishing of the Country, and Defraud of the Publick ; and being incapacitated of Complying with what by the said Act for the said Moiety of Two Shillings *per* Hoghead is required : Be it therefore Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the said One Shilling *per* Hoghead for the Defraying the Charges of Government aforesaid, as well for such Ships or Vessels as have already cleared before the making of this Act, as for such remaining in this Province, be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto our Sovereign Lady the Queen's most

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