

*An Act for laying an Imposition on several Commodities Export-
ed out of this Province.* J^o 26.

BE it 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 from and after the Publication hereof, no Person or Persons whatsoever, inhabiting or residing within this Province, shall Export any Furs or Skins within this Act hereafter mentioned and expressed, but what he, she, or they shall pay unto Her Sacred Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to be employed towards the Maintaining of a Free School or Schools within this Province, the several Duties and Imposts hereafter following; (that is to say)

For every Bear's Skin, Nine Pence *Sterling*.

For Beaver, Four Pence *per Skin*.

For Otter, Three Pence *per Skin*.

For Wild Cats, Foxes, Minks, Fishers, and Wolves Skins, One Penny Half-penny *per Skin*.

For Musk-rat, Four Pence *per Dozen*.

For Racoons, Three Farthings *per Skin*.

For Elk Skins, Twelve Pence *per Skin*.

For Deer Skins, dressed or undressed, Four Pence *per Skin*.

For Young Bear and Cub Skins, Two Pence *per Skin*.

AND that all Non-Residents, from and after the Publication hereof, that shall Export out of this Province any Furs or Skins herein before mentioned and expressed, shall, for every Skin or Fur by him Exported, of what Nature or Quality soever, being comprized within this Act, pay unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Use aforesaid, double the Duty by this Act appointed to be paid by Persons inhabiting or residing within this Province, as aforesaid, the same several Impositions to be collected by the several and respective Naval Officers within this Province; which said Naval Officers shall once a Year render an Account of the said Imposition to the Publick Treasurers of the Province for the time being, who shall and are hereby authorized and impowered to receive the same, and render an Account thereof to the General Assembly of this Province, to the Uses, Intents and Purposes aforesaid.

AND to the End the several Impositions may be justly and duly paid without Fraud or Deceit, Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons whatsoever, Exporting any Furs or Skins out of this Province, shall, at or before the Shipping on board of such Vessel, in which such Skins or Furs shall be Exported, as aforesaid, render upon Oath an Account of the Nature, Quantity and Quality of the said Skins by him, her, or them Exported, as aforesaid, and whether the same be his, her, or their proper Goods and Commodities, or the Goods and Commodities of any other Person or Persons; then whether he, she, or they, to whom they properly belong, as aforesaid, be Inhabitants or Residents of this Province, as aforesaid; which said Oath shall be administered by the several and respective Naval Officers, or their Deputies thereunto especially appointed: And if any Person or Persons, whether Inhabitants or Non-Residents, shall put on board any Ship or other Vessel any Furs or Skins, for which he, she, or they shall not have paid the Imposition aforesaid, or given good and sufficient Caution for the same to the Naval Officer of the Port or Place from whence such Furs or Skins shall be shipped, as aforesaid, or to his Deputy for the time being, and a Certificate from under the Hand of such Naval Officer, or his Deputy, produce for the Payment or Caution by him given for Payment of the Imposition aforesaid, he, she,

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