

N^o 25,
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*Penalty of concealing
them.*

Additional Duties on the Importation of Irish Papists.

fraying the publick Charges of this Province, for every *Irish* Servant so Imported, on Penalty and Forfeiture of *Five Pounds Sterling* per Poll for every Servant so concealed at the Time of his Entry aforesaid, the one Half thereof to be appropriated to the Uses aforesaid, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in Form aforesaid.

At an Assembly begun
April the 26th, 1715.

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An Act for laying an Additional Duty of Twenty Shillings, current Money, per Poll on all Irish Servants, being Papists, to prevent the Growth of Popery, by the Importation of too great a Number of them into this Province; and also, the Additional Duty of Twenty Shillings, current Money, per Poll on all Negroes, for raising a Fund for the Use of Publick Schools within the several Counties of this Province.

Laws of Maryland, p. 209.

*Twenty Shillings on
Irish Papist Servants
Additional Duty.*

Penalty of concealing.

I. **B**E it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of twelve Months after the End of this General Assembly, all Masters of Ships and Vessels, or Others importing *Irish* Servants, being *Papists*, into this Province by Land or by Water, at the Time of their Entry shall pay unto the Naval Officer for the Time being, belonging to such Port or Place where they make their Entry, the Additional Sum of *Twenty Shillings* current Money over and above the *Twenty Shillings Sterling* per Poll imposed by a former Act of Assembly of this Province, for every *Irish* Servant so imported, on Penalty and Forfeiture of *Five Pounds* current Money for every Servant that shall be by him or them concealed at the Time of his or their Entry as aforesaid, the one half thereof to be appropriated for defraying the publick Charge of this Province, the other Half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered in his Lordship's Name, in any Court of Record within this Province, that shall have Jurisdiction of the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

II. And for the better Discovery of such *Irish Papists*, Be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That

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