

Additional Duties on the Importation of Irish Papists.

N^o 26,

27.

*How to discover Pa-
pist Servants.*

the Naval Officers for the Time being, belonging to the several and respective Districts within this Province, be, and are hereby authorized, impowered and required to administer to every such *Irish* Servant, except Children under the Age of Fourteen Years, to be adjudged at the discretion of the Naval Officer so imported as aforesaid, the several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly, and cause them to subscribe the Oath of *Abjuration* and the *Test*; and all and every such Servants that shall refuse to take the *Oaths*, and sign the *Oath* and *Test* as aforesaid (except before excepted) shall be, and are hereby deemed and declared *Papists*, for whom the Owner or Importer shall be obliged to pay the Additional Duty, as aforesaid.

III. And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the Time aforesaid, for every *Negro* imported into this Province, either by Land or Water, the Importer or Importers of such *Negroes* shall pay unto the Naval Officer aforesaid, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, current Money, *per* Poll, over and above the *Twenty Shillings Sterling per* Poll, imposed by a former Act of Assembly of this Province, on Penalty and Forfeiture of *Five Pounds*, current Money, *per* Poll, for every *Negro* kept back or unaccounted for, to be recovered as aforesaid, and applied to the Uses aforesaid: Which said Duties of *Twenty Shillings*, current Money, *per* Poll, shall, for the Advancement of Learning, be applied towards the Encouragement of one Publick School in every County within this Province, (that is to say,) one equal Share thereof towards the Support of each School, according to the Directions of such Act or Acts of Assembly as shall hereafter direct therein.

*Additional Twenty
Shillings on Negroes.*

Penalty of concealing.

*Application of Duties
to Schools.*

At an Assembly begun
May the 28th, 1717.

An Act to prevent the Growth of Popery within this Province.

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At an Assembly begun
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Repealed. See N^o 31.

Laws of Ma-
ryland, 2d
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