

Quit-Rents
not payable
till Owners
enjoy it.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall not nor may be lawful, for the said Lord Baltimore, to ask, have or demand any Rent or Service for any of the said Tracts or Dividends, as may or have been taken up as aforesaid, within the said Indian Boundaries, until such Time that the Takers-up or Owners aforesaid, do enjoy or possess the same; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An ACT requiring the Masters of Ships and Vessels to publish the Rates of their Freight before they take any Tobacco on Board.

Freight to
be published
and how.

Copies to be
put up.

Penalty on
Freighters.

Penalty on
Masters.

Certificates
for Sloops.

BE it Enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governour, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That every Master and Commander of a Ship or other Vessel, that purposes to export Tobacco on Freight, shall, before he take any such Tobacco on Board his said Ship or Vessel, publish in Writing, by a Note under his Hand, which he shall cause to be affixed on the Court-House Door of that County where his said Ship shall ride at Anchor, at what Rate he will receive Tobacco upon Freight per Ton, on Board his said Ship, for that intended Voyage; which Note the Clerk of the County shall enter upon Record.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That whatsoever Merchant or other Inhabitants of this Province, shall put any Tobacco on Board any Ship, Sloop or Boat belonging to a Ship, on Freight, before such Master of such Ship, hath set up such Note, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and loose all such Tobacco, so shipped on Board such Ship, Sloop or Boat, or the full Value thereof, in Money, whereof one Half to Her Majesty for the Support of the Government of this Province, the other Half to him or them that will sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Master or Commander of Ship or other Vessel, as aforesaid, shall take any such Tobacco on Board his Ship, or Vessel, before he hath published such Note as aforesaid, he shall forfeit for every such Hogshead, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Master or Commander of Ship or Vessel, as aforesaid, that shall send any Sloop or other Craft to another County to fetch Tobacco, to put on Board his Ship or Vessel, on Freight, shall send by the Skipper or Master of such Sloop or other Craft, a Certificate under the Hand of the Clerk of the County where such Note of Freight was published, as aforesaid, certifying the Rate of his Freight, and Publication thereof, as aforesaid, under the Penalty of forfeiting Forty Shillings Sterling, to the Uses aforesaid; to be recovered as aforesaid.

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