

mentioned but in the Day Time, that is to say, between the rising and setting of the Sun ; or if any Ballast shall be unladen or taken out of any Ship or Vessel, in the Bay of *Chesapeak*, above *Cedar Point*, below the Mouth of *Patuxent* River, or in any River, Creek or Harbour within this Province, and cast into the Bay above *Cedar Point* aforesaid ; or into any River, Creek or Harbour, below High Water Mark, that the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* current Money ; one half thereof to the Lord Proprietary, for the Support of Government, the other half to him or them, that will sue for the same : To be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no *Essoin*, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

No Person whatsoever, shall presume to build any Ware or Hedge, across any River, Creek or Branch, below any publick Landing Place, so as to prejudice or dam up the Channel, or to obstruct the Passage of Boats, on pain of forfeiting *Ten Pounds* current Money of *Maryland* ; to be recovered in the County Court, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information wherein no *Essoin*, Protection or Wager of Law, shall be allowed.

AND to the End that all Masters and other Persons, having the Charge and Command of Ships or Vessels, may have due Notice of this Act, and not pretend Ignorance, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every Naval Officer within this Province, shall set up and keep fixed, in some publick Place in his Office, a Copy of this Act, (for which Copy the said Naval Officers shall be allowed *Ten Shillings* in the publick Levy,) on pain of forfeiting *Ten Pounds* current Money of *Maryland*, to be recovered as aforesaid, to the Uses aforesaid.

AND it is enacted, that an Act entituled, *An Act for the Preservation of the several Harbours within this Province*, made at a Session of Assembly at *Annapolis* December 5th, Anno Domini 1704. Shall be and is by Virtue of this Act repealed and abrogated.

THIS Act to continue for *Three Years* and until the End of the Session of Assembly, which shall next happen after the End of the said *Three Years*.

By Act passed in *May* 1747. The above Act is made perpetual.