

Oath Probandi to lay on the Owner where Information filed.

XII. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, shall be seized agreeable to the Directions of this Law, and an Information filed in any Court of Record, or Application made to a Magistrate, in order to have the same condemned, such Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, shall be presumed to have been imported by Land from the Province of Pennsylvania, or the Three Lower Counties of New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, without being Entered, unless the Owner or Owners, or Person or Persons claiming Property in the same, shall be able to prove that the said Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, was legally imported into this Province, or distilled or made within the same.*

Oath to prevent the Importation of Rum, &c. from Pennsylvania, or Three Lower Counties, without Permit, by whom to be taken and when.

XIII. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Naval-Officers, Sheriffs, Deputy-Sheriffs, and Constables, who shall be in Office after the Eleventh Day of June next, at the first County Court to be held for the County in which they respectively reside, after the said Eleventh Day of June, shall take an Oath, that if they shall know, or be credibly informed, or have good Reason to suspect, that any Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, has been, or shall be, imported by Land into this Province from Pennsylvania, or the Three Lower Counties on Delaware, called New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, or the reputed Limits of the said Province or Counties, without a Permit or Permits for so doing, they will forthwith do their best Endeavour to seize the same: And that all Naval-Officers, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and Constables, which shall, after the said Eleventh Day of June, be appointed or sworn into the said Offices, shall, at the Time of his being sworn, take the same Oath, and obtain a Certificate thereof; and every such Officer failing so to do, shall forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money to the Informer; to be recovered with Coits, by Action of Debt or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province.*

Accounts to be made out Twice a Year, and return'd to the Commissioners.

XIV. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several and respective Naval-Officers and Sheriffs of this Province, shall, and are hereby obliged and required, Twice in each Year, during the Continuance of this Act, to make out, on Oath, true and distinct Accounts of all the Money he shall receive by Virtue of this Act; and the same Account, so made out, shall return under their Hands to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the Time being; and shall account with and pay to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, from Time to Time, all such Sums of Money as they shall receive by Virtue of this Act, retaining to his and their own Use a Commission of Ten Pounds per Cent. and no more.*

General Issue to be pleaded.

XV. *AND be it further Enacted, That if any Naval-Officer, Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, or Constable, shall be sued or prosecuted for any Thing done by them in Pursuance of this Act, he or they may plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence, for his or their Justification.*

Continuation.

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

## A Supplementary Act to an Act, entituled, *An Act for Granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and Raising a Fund for Sinking the same.*

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS the several Clauses in the said Act, laying a Duty of Forty Shillings Current Money on any Horse, Mare, Colt or Gelding, brought from any other Colony into this Province, to be sold, bartered or exchanged, are found by Experience to be ineffectual: For Remedy whereof, it is prayed that it may be Enacted,

County Clerks and Naval-Officers to give Certificates or Permits for Horses, &c. entered with them.

II. *AND be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Eleventh Day of June next, the Clerk of every County, or Naval-Officer of any District, within this Province, with whom any such Horse, Mare, Colt or Gelding, shall be Entered, and to whom the Duty shall be paid, agreeable to the Directions of the said Act, shall, and is hereby required and directed to give to such Person or Persons, that shall Enter the same, and pay the Duty aforesaid, a fair, distinct and separate Certificate, under the Hand of the said Clerk, and the Seal of the County, or a Permit, for the Sale of the same, as the Case shall require, expressing in such Certificate or Permit the Size and Age of such Horse, Mare,*