

Lib. L. L. at the rate of two pence per pound for one moiety of the
 No. 1. imposition afores^d the other moiety by the said Act raised
 to be employed towards the Maintaining a Constant Maga-
 zine and defraying other publick & necessary charges of the
 Government. And whereas the freemen of this Prov^{ce} now
 assembled upon strict scrutiny made into the premisses, do
 find his said Lords^p hath not only been very defficiant and at
 small charges and expence in maintaining a Magazine as
 aforesaid, but that this Province hath been obliged to defray
 all publick charges arising for the support of Government by
 way of an equall assessment upⁿ the Inhabitants thereof, the
 severall provisoes in the afore recited Act to the contrary not-
 withstanding, And whereas also his said Lo^{pp} the aforesaid
 moyety of two shill p hh^d under pretext of maintaining a
 p. 22 magazine as aforesaid hath hitherto converted the same to his
 own use to the Impoverishing of the Country and defraud of
 the Publick and being now incapacitat^d of complying with what
 by the said Act for the said Moyety of two shillings p hh^d is
 required. Bee it therefore Enacted by the King and Queens
 most Excellent Majes^{ty} by and with the advice and consent of
 this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same,
 that the said one shilling p hh^d for the defraying the charges
 of Government aforesaid commencing from this present
 shipping as well for such ships or Vessells as have already
 cleared before the making of this Act as for such remaining
 in this Province be raised leavyed Collected and paid unto
 Our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and Queens most
 Excellent Majesties their heirs and Successors for the support
 of their Governor for the time being in and over this their
 Maj^{ty} Province aforesaid and Territories to the same belonging
 for every hh^d or quantity of a hh^d of Tobacco which hath been
 for and during the time aforesaid, or which hereafter shall be
 at any time shipp'd in any ship or Vessel to be Exported out
 of this Province or any the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers,
 Creeks or places thereunto belonging as aforesaid And be
 it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the
 advice and consent aforesaid, that the said duty & Imposition
 shall be from time to time paid and satisfied by the Masters
 or Master of every such Ship or Vessel respectively in which
 any such Tobacco shall be Exported upon his or their clearing
 p. 23 and taking out his or their dispatch or dispatches for every
 such respective Ship or Vessel and before the departure of
 such Ship or Vessel coming into this Province shall at their
 first arrivall here and before their loading on board any
 Goods or Commodities of the growth production & manufac-
 ture of this Province, give good and sufficient security to his
 Exc^{lcy} or to the Officer thereunto especially appointed for the