

- Lib. L. L. Clearing the sum of two pounds one shilling and four pence  
 No. 1. under pretext of Secretarys Fees besides other Fees to sev<sup>ll</sup>  
 the Inferiour Officers for writing their Entrys, Permitts and  
 clearings, which said Secretaries and other Officers Fees as  
 aforesaid were not only Illegall and unreasonable but also  
 p. 67 unjust being exacted and extorted from the aforesaid Masters  
 of such ships or Vessells as aforesaid without any pretence or  
 Colour of Law or Justice whatsoever but for that it doth  
 appear to this p<sup>r</sup>sent Generall Assembly that there is a neces-  
 sity of setling Fees for the maintaining such Officer or Officers  
 as shall be from time to time app<sup>td</sup> for Entring and clearing  
 such Ships or Vessells as aforesaid Be it therefore Enacted  
 by the King and Queens most Excellent Majestys by and  
 with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly  
 and the Authority of the same, that from and after the Publi-  
 cat<sup>n</sup> hereof every Master of a Ship or Vessell Trading into this  
 Province upon clearing his Ship or Vessell as aforesaid, shall  
 allow and pay unto his Majestys Governour for the time being,  
 the sum of forty shillings and no more, for such his Entring,  
 Clearing & Granting Permitts as aforesaid, their said Majes-  
 ties Governour being hereby obliged to find Officers who shall  
 give good and Sufficent Security to such their Majesties  
 Govern<sup>r</sup> as aforesaid for due Execution of the premisses, and  
 that they shall not aske demand or Exact from any Master so  
 cleering as aforesaid any Fee gratuity or reward whatsoever  
 or him delay in his dispatch in Expectation of a Fee Gratuity  
 or reward as aforesaid to be by such Master tendred for the  
 reasons and causes aforesaid but that every such Officer or  
 Officers so nominated and appointed as aforesaid being guilty  
 of the premisses upon due proof thereof made, shall for every  
 such default forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds sterl.  
 one half thereof to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King  
 p. 68 and Queen for support of Government, the other half to the  
 Party grieved to be recovered by Action of Debt Bill plaint or  
 Information wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law  
 to be allowed. Provided always and tis the true intent and  
 meaning of this Act, that no Inland Sloop Trading from Vir-  
 ginia hither or from hence to Virginia and noe farther shall  
 be by this Act or any thing herein conteyned obliged to pay  
 the said sum of thirty shillings Sterl. for such their Entring  
 and clearing as aforesaid but that the Master of every such  
 sloop so Trading as aforesaid shall at the time of his clearing  
 such Sloope as aforesaid, pay unto their Majesties Governour  
 for the time being the sum of Ten shillings sterl. and noe  
 more for such his Entry pmitt clearing as aforesaid, any thing  
 before mencōned to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided  
 also that this Act nor any thing therein Conteyned shall be  
 adjudged, construed or taken to Extend to the Fees due to