

pence p^r Hhd that was imposed by the Paper Money Act made in the year 1732 (which will expire next year) & the Duty of Three pence Currency p^r Gallon on Spirituous Liquors (imported by others than Inhabitants of the Province) which was imposed by an Act of Assembly that was made in the year 1715 & is still in force. Tis entitled an Act laying an Imposition on Negroes & on several Sorts of Liquors imported & the Clauses relative to the Duty on Rum &c. are as follows "And Be it further Enacted by the Authority afd by & with the Advice & Consent afd that from & after the Publication hereof all Masters of Ships or Vessels or all other Persons that shall by Water (or Land should be added) import any Rum Brandy Spirits or Wine into this Province shall pay unto the Naval Officer afd where they make their Entry the Sum of Three pence p^r Gallon for every Gallon of Rum Brandy Spirits & Wine so imported into this Province as afd to be applied to the uses afd (viz. towards defraying the publick Expences of the province) Liquors from Great Britain always excepted. & Be it further enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent afd that no Rum Brandy Spirits or Wine upon which the Duties afd are assessed shall be landed or put on Shore out of any Ship or Vessel which shall import the same or any other without due Entry thereof with the Officer appointed (upon Oath of the said Person or Persons importing any of the afd Liquors) for Collecting the same in the Port or Place where such Liquors shall happen to be imported as afd, or before the Duty due & payable for the same be satisfied or secured to be satisfied & a Warrant for the Landing thereof be signed by the Officer for that purpose appointed, upon Pain & Peril that all such Liquors landed & put on shore contrary to the true Intent & meaning of this Act shall be forfeited & lost, or the full Value thereof, one half to be appropriated towards the defraying the Publick Charges of this Province & the other half to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the same. And Be it further Enacted that every Master of a Ship or other Vessel at the time of his Entry of such Ship or other Vessel wherein such Liquors shall be imported as afd shall render upon Oath an Account of the quantity & quality of the Liquors afd & the several & respective Naval Officers within this Province for the time being shall at the time of their Entry of such Ship or Vessel as afd take good & sufficient security in His Majesty's Name for the Payment of the said Imposition last mentioned to such use & purpose in such manner & form as by this Act is appointed, all which Duties arising by the Impositions afd shall be collected & gathered by the Naval Officers in their several & respective Districts for which they shall have Eight p^r Cent Sallary & no more." Letter Bk. IV