

upon shall be definitive (except before excepted) in as full and ample manner as though the said Governour were then actually present and presiding Anything in this Act to the Contrary notwithstanding

Lib. L. L.  
No. 64.

Sept<sup>r</sup> 29. 1704

Read and Assented to  
by the house of Delegates  
W Taylard Clk h D.

Sept<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1704

Read and Assented to by her  
Ma<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Council.  
W Bladen Cl Concl.

Maryland October 3<sup>d</sup> 1704

On behalf of her Ma<sup>ty</sup> &c I will this be a Law.

Jo: Seymour

An Act imposing three pence per Gallon on Ru<sup>m</sup>e and Wine Brandy and Spiritts and twenty shill per pole for Negroes for raising a Supply to defray the Publiq Charge of this Province and twenty Shillings per poll on Irish Servants to prevent the Importing too great a number of Irish Papists into this Province.

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that from and after the publication hereof All Masters of Ships and Vessells or others importing Irish Servants into this Province by Land or by Water at the time of their Entry shall pay unto the Navall Officer for the time being belonging to such Port or place where they make their Entry the sume of twenty Shill sterl per poll towards the Defraying the publiq Charges of this Province for every Irish Servant so imported on penalty and forfeiture of five pounds sterling for every Servant so concealed at the time of his Entry aforesaid the one half thereof to be appropriated to the uses aforesaid the other half to the informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered in her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s name in any Court of Record within this Province by accon of Debt bill Plaint or information wherein noe Essoyn protection or Wager of Law to be allowed. p. 84

And be it further Enacted By the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that for every Negro imported into this Province either by land or Water The Importer or Importers of such Negroe or Negroes shall pay unto the Navall Officer aforesaid the sume of twenty shill Sterl per poll for the use aforesaid on penalty and forfeiture of five pounds Sterl per