

to her Majesty her heires and Successors for the Support of
 Government of this Province the other half to the Informer
 or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered in
 any Court of Record within this Province by bill Plaint or
 Information wherein no Essoyn protection or Wager of Law
 to be allowed

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Read and assented to by the
 house of Delegates
 W Taylard Clk hD

Read and assented to by her
 Ma^{ties} hon^{ble} Council
 W Bladen Cl Concil.

Maryland October 3^d 1704

On the Behalf of her Majesty &c I will this be a Law.

Jo: Seymour

An Act to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province to
 Adventure their Shipp and Vessells more freely abroad to
 import Rum Sugar Negroes and other Comoditys.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most excellent Maj^{ty} by and
 with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour
 Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of
 the same that no Shipp or Vessell built in this Province
 whereof all the Owners shall be Actuell Residents of this
 province And that no Shipp or Vessell English or Plantation
 built purchas'd enjoy'd and held by Owners which are all
 Residents of this Province nor the Owners thereof shall be
 lyable to pay the duty of three pence per Gallon for rum
 imported in such Shipp or Vessell mencoñd in one Act of
 Assembly Intituled An Act Imposing three pence per Gallon
 on Rum and Wine and twenty Shillings 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 nor to pay the Duty of twenty shillings for every
 Negro imported mencoñd in the aforesaid Act but from those
 Dutys aforesaid And from the Duty of three pence per Tonn
 payable to the Governour of this Province for the time being
 shall be fully and Clearly Exempted Any fformer Act or Acts
 of Assembly to the Contrary notwithstanding.

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And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that such
 Owner or Owners of such Shipp or Vessells as aforesaid
 shall for entring and Clearing pay no more but half so much
 fees to the Navall Officers and Collectors with whom they