

C. P. the security or securities of such Master for which Certificate the Navall Officer may have and receive one Shilling and no more and that the Sevⁿ and respective Navall Officers within this province shall hang a fair Copy of this Law in their respective Offices for the perusall of all mast^s of Shippes and Vessells the Navall Officer to have & receive for the said Copy one hundred pounds of Tob^o to be Allowed in the County Levy. And fforasmuch as by the Enlargm^t of Tob^o hhd. from the late gauge of thirty Inches in the Diameter of the head to the present gauge a Larger Quantity of Tob^o will be Exported in each hogshead whereby the sevⁿ Duties and Imposts on Tob^o by the hh^d will be Evidently retrenched and Lessened unless a Just regard be had to the preservation of them in their Usual worth and Value which this Genⁿ Assembly is highly obliged To those Duties being Generally Applied to the Support of Governm^t and for other the most Important affairs of this province and that therefore itt is not only Just but necessary that the duties upon the hogsheads which shall be of this gauge herein Directed should be in some sort Enlarged proportionably to the Enlargem^t of the said Gauge It is therefore most Humbly prayed that the Kings most Excell^t Majestie will be graciously pleased to grant that itt may be Enacted—

p. 262 And be itt Enacted by his said Majesty by and with the Advice and Cons^t of his Majesties Govern^r Councill and Assembly of this province and the Authority of the same that from and after the twenty ninth day of September next there shall be raised Levyed and paid to the Kings most Excell^t Majesty his heirs and Successors for the sport of his Governm^t for the time being in & over this province of Maryland and the Territories to the same belonging for Every hhd of Tob^o which shall be shipt in any Shipp or Vessell to be Exported out of this province or any the Territories Islands Ports Rivers Creeks or places thereunto belonging on or after the twenty ninth day of Sep^r Af^d the sume of fifteen pence Sterling in Lieu and stead of the twelve pence Sterling formerly Imposed on Every hh^d of the aforementioned former gauge and for Every hundred weight of Tob^o Exported in box Chest Barrell or Case two pence halfe penny Sterl and soe prorato for a greater or Lesser Quantity.

And be itt further Enacted that the said Duty and Imposition shall be from time to time paid and Satisfyed by the Master or Masters of Every such Shipp or Vessell respectively in which any such Tob^o shall be Exported upon his or their Clearing or taking out his or their dispatch or Dispatches for
p. 263 Every such respective Shipp or Vessell and before the de-