

tioned after the first payment due & payable as afforesaid before one whole year be expired then such person or persons or their or his Executor or Administrator to be accountable only for such part & portion of the afforesaid sum or sums of money or tobacco as the space of time between the preceding time of payment & the time of such his or their Resignation dismissal or death shall appear to be justly due & the remaining part of that years due to be made good at the time of payment afforesaid by such person or persons as shall be initiated into such vacant office or offices as afforesaid, for which said severall summs so collected & paid as afforesaid the said Treasurers shall be accountable to the next Assembly to be by them disposed on towards the defraying of publick charges as to them shall seem meet, for the collection whereoff the Sheriff of each County for so much as he shall collect shall have five pounds of tobacco per centum out of the same & no more. And to the end the said Treasurers may be duely informed who are the Officers in each respective County under the Cognizance of this Act, Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority afforesaid that the severall & respective Clerkes of the severall & respective Counties doe sometime before the last day of September yearly & every year returne to the said Treasurers an account of what Officers are dwelling or Resideing in their said Counties or otherwise practising or officiateing therein under the penalty of two thousand pounds of tobacco for every default that is to say the Respective Clerkes of St. Maryes, Charles, Calvert, Ann Arrundell, & Balltimore to M^r Thomas Tasker, Treasurer for the Western side, & the Clerkes of Talbot, Kent, Cœcil, Dorchester, & Somersett to Major Whittington Treasurer for the Eastern side this act to endure for three years or to the end of the next Session of Assembly which shall first happen.

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Forasmuch as this gennerall Assembly are deeply sensible of the great charge the Country is at for the building a State house & defraying of other publick dues & duties & being desirous of easing the burthen under which at present the good people of this Province groane have taken into their consideration that it might be of great advantage in order thereunto that an Impost were laid upon Servants & Slaves imported into this Province Be it therefore Enacted by the King & Queens most Excellent Majesties by & with the advice & consent of this present gennerall Assembly & the Authority of the same that from & after the publication hereoff, All Masters of Shippes & other Vessells importing servants into this Province, at the time of their entry pay unto the Navall Officer for the time being properly belonging to such port & place where such Entry shall be made as afforesaid the sum of two shillings & sixpence sterling per pole on penalty & forfeiture in case of non payment or refusall to pay the said