

An Act for the Imposition of Four pence ꝓ Gallon on Liquors Imported into this Province.

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For raising money for building & repairing Court houses Free Schools Bridewells or such publique Services, It is by this present Generall Assembly thought that no greater expedient can be found then by assessing of an Imposition of four pence ꝓ gallon on all such Liquors as shall be Imported into this Province (Liquors from England onely excepted) Wherefore We your Maj<sup>ty</sup>s most dutifull & Loyall Subjects the Deligates & Burgesses of this present Generall Assembly do humbly pray that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maj<sup>ty</sup> by & with the advice & consent of this present Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the same that from & after the Publication hereof all Masters of Shipps & other Vessels that shall Import any Liquors into this Province shall pay unto his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Navall Officers for the time being for the use of this Province the sum of four pence ꝓ gallon for every gallon of Liquor imported into this Province as aforesaid. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid that all Shipps or other Vessels which were built in this Province before the making of the former Act of Assembly Intituled an Act for the Imposition of four pence ꝓ Gallon on Liquors imported into this Province & which are wholly & solely belonging to the Inhabitants thereof shall pay to his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Navall Officers for the time being the sum of two pence ꝓ Gallon for every Gallon of Liquor that shall be by them Imported into this Province & no more (Liquors from England excepted) and all Shipps & other Vessells which have since the making of the aforesaid Act of Assembly or which shall at any time hereafter be built by and wholly & solely belong to the good people the Inhabitants of this Province shall be wholly exempted & acquitted from paying the Imposition of four pence ꝓ gallon aforesaid. And whereas this present Generall Assembly do find that the money of this Province is most or the greatest part thereof conveyed into Pensilvania to purchase beer rum & other Liquors to the great discouragement of Husbandry & Tillage in this Province, Be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid that all persons Importing beer or other Liquors from Pensilvania into this Province by Land (Except what is hereafter in this Act Excepted) shall pay unto his Majestys Navall Officers for the time being the sum of six pence ꝓ gallon for beer, and the sum of nine pence ꝓ gallon for rum wine & other Liquors Imported and brought into this Province by Land from Pensilvania aforesaid; Provided allways and it is hereafter declared that this Act nor any thing therein contained shall extend to the charging any Liquors whatsoever Imported by Water into this Province from Pensilvania or any other place with more then the Imposition of four pence ꝓ gallon hereby before imposed, all which dutys arriseing by such Imposition of Liquors as aforesaid shall be collected & gath-