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ered by his Maj^{ty}s Navall Officers in their severall & respective districts for which they shall have for their Sallery Eight pounds in the hundred and no more. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid that no such Liquors upon which the duty aforesaid is assessed shall be Landed or putt on shore out of any Shipp or other Vessell which shall import the same or any other without due entry thereof made with the Officer hereby appointed (upon Oath of the person or persons Importing the said Liquors) for collecting of the same in the Port or place where the said Liquors shall happen to be Imported as aforesaid or before the duty due & payable for the same be satisfied or secured to be satisfied and Warrant for the Landing thereof be signed by the Officer for that purpose appointed upon pain & perrill that all such Liquors Landed & put on Shore contrary to the true intent & meaning of this Act shall be forfeited & lost or the full Value thereof one half to his Maj^{ty} or his Success^{rs} for the Use of the Free Schools of this Province the other half thereof to the Vestry of each parish where such goods shall be landed contrary to this Law, to be recovered in any of his Maj^{ty}s Courts of Record within this Province by Action of Debt bill plaint or Information wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed to be recovered of the proprietors true owners or Importers thereof; and for the better Encouragement of all Masters Merchants Owners & other persons whatsoever to make due entry & payment of the dutys rates & imposts raised by this Act in consideration of Leakage & all other damages the said Officer is hereby Authorized & Impowered to make allowance & abatement of twenty gallons in every hundred Gallons of all Liquors so to be duly entred as aforesaid; and the said Officers hereby appointed for collecting & gathering of the duty aforesaid shall & are hereby impowered upon suspition of any fraud or deceit by any Importer Owner or Proprietor of any such Liquor in concealing & not making due entry of the same to go and enter on board any Shipp or Vessells or into any House or Warehouse on Shoar & from thence to seize bring on shore or secure all such Liquors for which the dutys aforesaid are not duly paid or secured to be paid as aforesaid and that the said Officers & their Deputys may freely stay and remaine on board untill all the goods are delivered and discharged out of the said Shipp or other Vessell; and all Officers as well Millitary as Civill of this Province and all Captains & Officers of Shipp are hereby required & enjoyned to be aiding & assisting to such Navall Officers in discharge of their duty aforesaid, for all which the said Officers and others assisting them shall be saved and kept harmless by Vertue of this Act.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid that all such Navall Officers shall give good security to the Governour of this Province for the time being and shall take their severall Oaths well & faithfully to gather the same