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export or carry out of this Province either by Land or Water any goods Wares or Merchandizes of the Growth Production or Manufacture of Europe that shall be Imported into this Province and shall not before his or their Shipping off or carrying away of the same make a faire & legal entry thereof with the Navall Officer of such district where the same goods & Merchandizes shall happen to be shipped off or carryed away out of this Province either by Land or by Water, bona fide without fraud according to the true meaning and Intention of this Act, and in case that such exporter or Exporters of the Wares & Commodities aforesaid are not any of the Inhabitants or good people of this Province shall pay or cause to be paid to his Sacred Majesty or his Successors to the uses in this present Act hereafter mentioned, the severall rates & dutys before in this Act sett forth and expressed, That is to say the Sum of Ten pounds for the Value of every hundred pounds according to the true & reall Invoice thereof sent out of England and in default thereof according to the reall & Intrinsic Value thereof in this Province and so proportionably for a greater or lesser sume shall forfeit all such goods Wares & Merchandizes or the full Value thereof so Shipped off or carried away either by Land or by Water out of this Province and not duly & fairly entred with the Naval Officer and the duty thereof paid according to the true meaning of this Act (except as before Excepted) the one half to our Sovereign Lord the King or his Successors for the use of this Province the other half thereof to the Informer or him or them that shall seize sue or informe for the same to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed, Provided allways that it shall & may be Lawfull to all such Shippes or Vessells coming into & trading in Patowmuk River to transport their goods & merchandizes from one side of the said River to the other as they shall think fitt without paying the duty aforesaid in this Act contained and not else where, they making due entry thereof as aforesaid anything in this Act before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid that the severall Naval Officers of the severall & respective districts within this Province shall yearly & every year during the continuance of this Act account for & pay to the publick Treasurers of this Province for the time being all such sum or sums of money as shall be by him or them collected & gathered by force & Vertue of this Act and the said Treasurers are hereby enjoyned to render their accounts thereof to the Generall Assembly of this Province to be by them disposed to such Uses ends & purposes for the publick good & utility of the same as to them shall seem meet and convenient. And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid that every Naval Officer that shall make such entrys as aforesaid shall for every such entry by him or