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aforsaid that one act of Assembly begun & held at the City of St. Maryes the tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety two intituled an Act for the better Administracōn of Justice in the County Courts of this Province & every particular clause & thing therein contained shall be & is hereby allso revived & continued to stand remaine and be in full force & effect for & during the terme of three years or to the end of the next Session of Assembly which shall first happen.

Acts of April, 1696, ch. 5

An Act for the Assessing of three pence per hogshhead upon Tobacco towards the defraying the publick Charge of this Province.

Whereas the present necessity of this Province requires far greater disbursements towards the defraying of the Publick charge than what the present impositions levyed & assessed now being in the hands of the Treasurers of this Province will discount, It is therefore humbly prayed that it may be Enacted & be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of this present Gennerall Assembly & by the Authority of the same that from & after the end of this present Session of Assembly all Masters of Shippes or other Vessells now actually being or tradeing within this Province or that shall be or trade in the same, that is to say from the end of this present Session of Assembly for & dureing the terme or time of one whole year next ensuing pay unto our Sovereigne Lord the King his heires & Successors for the publick use of this Province the sum of three pence stérling for every hogshhead or quantity of a hogshhead containing four hundred pounds of Tobacco in such his or their shipp or Vessell by him or them exported, for the collecting & gathering whereof the severall & respective Naval officers within this Province shall take good & sufficient Security for the payment of the same & render an account thereof to one of the publick Treasurers of this Province for the time being to be disposed of in such method & manner as the Gennerall Assembly of this Province shall think fitt. This Act to be in force for & dureing the terme and time aforsaid and no longer.

Acts of April, 1696, ch. 7 (Repealed 1700, ch. 8)

An Act for the laying an imposition upon Negroes Slaves & white Servants imported into this Province.

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 & dutyes & being desirous of easeing the burthen under which at present the good people of this Province doe grone have taken into their consideracōn 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 Kings most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of this present Gennerall Assembly & by the Authority of the same that from and after the publication hereof all Masters of Ships or other Vessells