

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 aforesaid the sum of two shillings & six pence per pole for every Servant on penalty & forfeiture in case of non payment or refusall to pay the said tax the sum of twenty shillings sterling per pole for every Servant by such Master concealed or unpaid for as aforesaid, to be recovered by action of debt, Bill, plaint or informacōn in any Court of Reccord within this Province wherein no essoyne protection or wager of law to be allowed. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by & with the advice & consent aforesaid that for every Negroe imported into this Province either by land or by water the importer or importers of such Negroe or Negroes shall pay unto the Navall Officer as aforesaid the sum of twenty shillings sterling per pole on penalty & forfeiture of five pounds sterling per pole for every negro by them imported & kept back or unaccounted for as aforesaid to be recovered as aforesaid, & to be collected & gathered deposited & accounted for to the use intent & purpose & in such method & manner as in the act for the impost of four pence per gallon made at a Session of Assembly begun & held at the City of St. Maryes the one & twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord 1694, is therein mencōned & expressed anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. This act to endure for one year or to the end of the next Session of Assembly which shall first happen.

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An Act explaining one part of an Act of Assembly imposing the duty of Tenn per Cent upon all European commodities exported out of this Province.

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In consideracōn that Virginia is our neighbouring Government & depending on the same trade that this Province doth & being so neer scituate to us & that the Merchants, Traders into this place have often a Trade there also & have frequent occasions to remove part of their goods from this place there & from thence hither & many times goods consigned to the Inhabitants of Virginia are sent in ships that comes into Maryland, Wee the Burgesses & Delegates of this present Gennerall Assembly doe declare that we did not intend by the aforesaid Act of Assembly that the said duty should be imposed upon European Commodities exported out of this Province into Virginia & no further but there sould & disposed on, and therefore we humbly pray that it may be Enacted. And be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of this present Gennerall Assembly & the Authority of the same that it shall & may be lawful to & for any Merchant or Merchants, Traders or Inhabitants of this Province to send any part of their goods & commodities imported into any part of this Province out of this Province again into Virginia for sale as they find their Marketts & occasions require. And allsoe to send any parcell or parcells of such European com-