

Session Authority of the same, That no Person, or Persons whatsoever,
Laws hereafter, importing any Servants or Slaves, shall be chargeable with or liable to pay any Duty for any Servant or Slave that shall happen to die, or be exported out of this Province, before Sale of the said Servant or Slave.

Provided always, That such Death, or Exportation, shall happen within Three Months after the Importation of such Servant or Slave; and that the said Person or Persons, who shall desire the Benefit of this Act, shall declare on his, her, or their corporal Oaths, to be administred by the Naval Officer, on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, That such Servant or Servants, Negroe or Negroes, exported or dead, within the said Time of Three Months, is or are Part of the Servants or Negroes imported or made Entry of; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, in any wise, notwithstanding.

And whereas divers Frauds have been committed by Sundry Persons, not Inhabitants of this Province, importing Negroes from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and other Provinces, who make sale of the said Negroes without Payment of the Duties arising on such Negroes: For Prevention whereof for the Future,

p. 8 Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Person or Persons, in whose Custody any Negroe or Negroes so imported into this Province shall be found, shall be deemed to be the Importer or Importers, and liable to pay the Duties due by Law, to the Naval Officer of the District where the said Person or Persons reside, under the Penalties by former Acts of Assembly in such Cases inflicted upon the Importer or Importers of any Negroe or Negroes, concealed, kept back, or unaccounted for, by him, her or them: To be recovered in the Manner, and to the Uses, directed by the aforesaid Acts of Assembly.

And for the more effectual discovering what Rum, Wine, and Spirits, by the before-mentioned Act liable to the Payment, of Duty, shall be brought into this Province:

Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That after the End of this Session of Assembly, every Naval Officer within this Province, before he shall make Entry of any such Rum, Wine, or Spirits, shall require and receive, from the Person applying to make the said Entry, an Invoice on Oath, of the Quantity of Gallons, which the Cask, by him at that Time imported, gage in Wine Gallons, together with the Marks and Numbers of such Cask. And if any such Person shall presume to land any such Rum, Wine, or Spirits, from on board any Ship or Vessel within this Province; or if it be brought over Land from Pennsylvania or Virginia, shall let it be Water-born in Chesapeak-Bay, or any the Branches thereof, before Invoice delivered, and Entry made, as aforesaid, shall forfeit