

L. H. J. An Act to raise A Fund to be Applied for the payment of An
 Lib. No. 45 Agent and other necessary Uses of this province

Whereas it is both necessary and convenient that there should be An Agent at the Imperial Seat of Our mother country Great Britain in Order there to transact the emergent and necessary Business of this Province and inasmuch as many Occasions do and may require a Sollicitation from his Majestys dutiful liege Subjects the Inhabitants of this province to his most sacred Royal and Gracious person who is the Protector and Father of his People and likewise to their noble Lord Proprietary residing there And Whereas such Agent cannot be supported but at the publick Charge nor such Sollicitations made or necessary Business transacted without a Fund to that purpose And for that this General Assembly are willing and desirous to charge themselves in the Staple Commodity of this province with Reasonable Tax to so good and desirable an end it is humbly prayed that it may be enacted And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that immediately from and after the expiration of this Session of Assembly every Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel trading into this province before the Clearing such Ship or Vessel shall pay unto the severall and respective Naval Officers clearing such Ship or Vessel the sum of Six Pence Sterling money of Great Britain for every Hogshead or Quantity of an Hogshead of Tobacco taken on Board such Ship or Vessel in Order to be transported out of this province and for every hundred weight of Tobacco taken on Board such Ship or Vessel in order to be Transported as aforesaid either in Bundles Chests Case or other Package one Penny Sterling for every hundred weight and so pro Rato for a greater or lesser quantity And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that the said severall and respective Naval Officers within this province shall be and Are hereby Obliged yearly and every year during the Continuance of this Act to Collect the money arising by this Act in Sterling money in Specie or good Bills of Exchange made payable in Great Britain unto such respective naval Officer collecting the same and [said] Naval Officer shall be and he is hereby Obliged to pay the same so by him received to such Person or Persons as shall from time to time (by Warrant or Authority from the House of Delegates in Assembly convened under the hand of the Speaker of the same House for the time being) be appointed Trustees to receive the same deducting for the Trouble and care of such Naval Officer in such Collection and Payment aforesaid five pounds 7 Cent out of such money so to be received and paid and no more

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that such Person or persons so to be appointed Trustees