

L. H. J. his Majesty's person and Government, and for putting our selves in the best and Speediest posture of Defence we are able: Humbly pray 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 Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That there shall be Levied, collected and Raised a Duty or Impost of ffour pence Sterling money on every Hogshead of Tobacco, which now is, and hereafter shall be, taken on Board any Ship or Vessel, to be Exported out of this province, and not Cleared at some Naval office before the End of this present Session of Assembly, to be Collected and Received by the Respective Naval-officers, in the same manner as other Duties on all Tobacco now due and payable, are Collected and Raised; which said Duty, shall from time to time, by the Naval-officers aforesaid, be paid to the Honourable Col. Edward Sprigg.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the same Col. Edward Sprigg, shall, with the Money which he shall so Receive, by Virtue of this Act, send for and purchase for the use and Defence of this Province, such Arms, Ammunition, and other Warlike Stores, as his Excellency, his Lordship's Governor, or his Lordship's Governor for the Time being, shall direct and Appoint

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Naval officers aforesaid, shall from Time to Time, make and Render to both Houses of Assembly of this Province, Sufficient and Clear Accounts of all Monies which they shall Receive by virtue of
 p. 393 this Act, and that the same Col. Edward Sprigg, shall from time to time Render to both Houses of Assembly, Accounts of what Moneys he shall Receive by Virtue of this Act, and how the same shall have been disposed of

And be it further Enacted, That the said Several Naval officers, for Collecting and Receiving the Duty aforesaid, and paying the same to the aforesaid Col Edward Sprigg, shall take and be allowed the Sallery of Eight pounds per Cent for such part as they shall Collect and Receive as Naval officers aforesaid; and that the same Col Edward Sprigg, shall Receive ffive pounds per Cent. for laying out and applying such money Collected as aforesaid, according to the Directions of this Act, and no more.

And be it further Enacted, That if the Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Province for the time being, shall not direct any Arms, Ammunition, or other stores aforesaid, to be purchased with the monies arising from the Duties aforesaid, before the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of this Act, that then the said Monies or such part thereof as shall be un-