

L. H. J. have heretofore been, or are now received and collected; and from  
 Liber No. 46 Time to Time by the said Naval Officers shall be paid, in good Bills  
 of Exchange to Col. Edward Sprigg, and by him transmitted to  
 James Buchanan Merchant in London, to be placed to the Credit of  
 an Account by him to be stated and kept for the House of Delegates  
 of Maryland; which money by him so received shall be applied ac-  
 cording to the Directions of the said House of Delegates, for the  
 Payment of an Agent there, and defraying other incident Charges  
 attending the Service of this Province

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent  
 aforesaid, That every Merchant, Factor Master, or Commander,  
 of any Ship or Vessel exporting Tobacco out of this Province, shall,  
 before his or their Clearing such Ship or Vessel, or taking his or  
 their Dispatch or Dispatches for the same, pay unto such Naval  
 Officer or Officers with whom he or they shall clear and take such  
 their Dispatch or Dispatches, the sum of two Pence Sterling for  
 every Hogshead of Tobacco, or Quantity of an Hogshead, on board  
 his or their Ship or other Vessel, or give good and sufficient Bills  
 for the same, drawn on some Merchant in Great Britain.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the  
 said Col. Edward Sprigg may, and is hereby enabled to receive the  
 said Bills of Exchange from the several and respective Naval Offi-  
 cers, and transmit them to James Buchanan, Merchant in London,  
 and the money on them due, when received by him, shall be placed  
 to the Credit of the House of Delegates of Maryland, to be retained  
 in his Hands for the Use or Uses as aforesaid, subject only to be  
 paid according to the Order or Orders of the House of Delegates  
 of Maryland; which said Order or Orders shall be placed to the  
 Debit of the Account aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, That the said James Buchanan shall  
 and may, and is hereby impowered to dispose of the money arising  
 by and from such Duty or Impost aforesaid, according to the Direc-  
 tion and Order of the House of Delegates as aforesaid only.

And be it further Enacted, That in Case any of the Bills of  
 Exchange, to be paid by the said Naval Officers for the Duty and  
 Impost as aforesaid, shall be protested for want of Payment, that  
 then the said James Buchanan shall, and he is hereby enabled to  
 return the same under Protest unto the said Col. Edward Sprigg.

And such Naval Officer or Officers are hereby required and di-  
 rected to pay unto the said Col. Edward Sprigg good and sufficient  
 Bills of Exchange, in lieu of and for such Bills so protested, with  
 the Damages allowed by Law, to be by the said Col. Edward Sprigg  
 transmitted to the said James Buchanan, for the Use aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Con-  
 sent aforesaid, that for receiving and paying the Duty and Impost  
 aforesaid, the said Naval Officer shall be allowed the Sum of eight