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ported, or shall expose, or offer to sale, or otherwise use or dispose of such Wine, Molasses or Sugar, or any Part thereof, so imported, or brought in, as aforesaid, before due Entry thereof hath been made, upon Oath, with the Naval Officer aforesaid, or his Deputy, according to the Directions of this Act, or before the Duties due and payable by this Act for the same have been paid and satisfied, or secured to be paid to such Naval Officer, and a Permit from the said Naval Officer, or his Deputy, under his Hand as aforesaid, for the Landing, Using, or Disposing of the same, hath been obtained, such Person, or Persons, so importing, or bringing the same into this Province, shall forfeit and lose all such Molasses, and Sugars, so imported, or brought into this Province, or the full Value thereof, to be paid in Bills of Credit of this Province; one Half thereof to be applied towards the Repaying and Replacing the aforesaid Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, and the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that will sue for the same, to be recovered, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, with legal Costs of Suit, in any Court of Record within this Province: And for the better Encouragement of all Masters, Merchants, Owners and other Persons whatsoever, to make due and true Entries, and Payments of the Duties and Impositions raised by this Act, in Consideration of Leakage, Shrinkage, or other Damage, the Naval Officer aforesaid is hereby authorized and impowered to make an Allowance or Abatement of Twenty Gallons in every Hundred Gallons of Wine and Molasses, and of Twenty Pounds in every Hundred Pounds of Sugar, so to be entered as aforesaid; and so pro Rato for a greater or less Quantity: And the officers aforesaid, hereby appointed to collect and receive the said Duties, shall be, and are hereby impowered, upon Suspicion of Fraud, or Deceit, by any Importer, Owner, or Proprietor of any such Wine, Molasses or Sugar, brought into this Province, in concealing and not making due Entry of the same, to go and enter on board such Ship or Vessel, or into any Warehouse, or other Out-House, where such Wines, Molasses or Sugar, may or shall be put or placed, and view and examine the same, and if, upon such Examination, it shall appear to the said Officer, that the said Importer, or Owner, of any such Wine, Molasses or Sugars, or other Person bringing the same into this Province, hath not made due Entry of the same, or hath acted or done any Thing
p. 146 contrary to the true Intent of this Act, to seize and bring on shore, or otherwise secure, all such Wines, Molasses and Sugars, so imported or brought into this Province, for which the Duties aforesaid are not duly paid, or secured to be paid; and that the said Officers, and their Deputies, or any of them, shall and may freely stay and remain on board, until such Wine, Molasses and Sugars, shall be delivered and discharged out of the said Ship or Vessel: And all Sheriffs, Coroners, Deputy-Sheriffs and Constables, are hereby en-