

Liber H. S. No. 1
 [Persons harbouring Deserters, knowing them to be such, shall forfeit 10 l.]

And be it further Enacted, That if any Person shall harbour or conceal, or assist any Deserter, from the Service aforesaid, knowing him to be such, the Person so offending shall forfeit, for such Offence, the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money; one Moiety thereof to the Informer, the other to the Uses in this Act mentioned; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law, to be allowed, or more than one Imparlance.

[Persons voluntarily enlisting, on producing a Certificate of their good Behaviour, shall be discharged from Taxes, &c.]

And be it further Enacted, That every Person who shall voluntarily enlist in either of the Services aforesaid, and serve therein for the Space of six Months, upon producing to the County Court where he shall incline to reside, after his Return from such Service, a Discharge, and Certificate of his good Behaviour therein, which Certificate the Clerk of the said Court shall record without Fee or Reward, shall be exempted from the Payment of all Manner of Taxes, or Levies whatever, as also from labouring in making or mending Highways, and from Payment of Ferriages, for the Space of two Years next after the producing such Discharge and Certificate.

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And for repaying and replacing the said Sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Fourteen Shillings, and sinking the Sum of Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings, Part of the said Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds granted by this Act, for his Majesty's Service :

[Duty on Wine, Rum, &c. except Wine imported from Great-Britain.]

Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the twentieth Day of June, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, there shall be levied, raised, collected and paid, by Way of Excise, on all Rum, and other Spirits already imported, or which shall hereafter be imported, or distilled, or extracted within this Province, from Melasses, or any Grain, or other Materials, not of the Growth of this Province, which shall be retailed, or sold, in any Quantity under fifty Gallons; on all Wine (except Wine imported from Great-Britain), which shall be retailed, or sold, in any Quantity under twenty-five Gallons, or which (not being bought or sold by Way of Retail) shall be consumed; and on all Brandy, or other Spirits, made, distilled, or drawn from any Grain, or Fruit, of the Growth and Produce of this Province, and sold, or retailed, the following Rates, Duties and impositions, that is to say, for all Wine (except as before excepted, and also except Madeira Wine already imported) so retailed or consumed, Six-pence per Gallon; for all Rum, and other Spirits already imported, or which hereafter shall be imported or distilled, or extracted, within this Province, from Melasses, or any Grain, or other Materials, not of the Growth or Produce of this Province, so retailed or consumed, Four-Pence per Gallon; for all Brandy, or other Spirits, made, distilled or drawn from Grain, or Fruit, of the Growth and