

" Provided Also That in Case any Duty Shall be paid for Negroes
 " or Servants in Virtue of this Act And that such Negroes and
 " Servants Cannot be Sold by the Importer And that such Importer
 " shall Desire to Export such Slaves or Servants And shall Give
 " Bond with Sufficient Sureties to the Naval Officer to whom Such
 " Duty hath been paid that he or they Shall and Will Export Such
 " Slaves or Servants to any other his Matys Plantations It Shall be
 " Lawfull for Such Naval Officer to Repay the Same Duty for such
 " Slaves or Servants so as afores.^d by him Received in Proportion
 " to the N.^o of Slaves or Servants so Bonded to be Exported And that
 " a Certificate under the Hand & Seal of the Collector & Naval
 " Officer of the District in any other his Matys Colonies Where the
 " s.^d Servants or Slaves Shall be Carried to, That Such Servants &
 " Slaves have been Bona Fide Entered with such Collector & Naval
 " Officer Returned to the Naval Officer taking such Bond in the
 " Space of Six Months after the Date of such Bond Shall Vacate
 " the Same."

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There is also a further Duty Imposed by this Act for the purposes afores.^d upon all Ordinary Keepers.

If more Money Shall be Raised by Virtue of this Act than the £6000. the Surplus is Directed to be Applied towards Dische of the Publick Expences of the Province as the General Assembly for the time being Shall Direct

This Act to Commence on 1 Aug.st 1754. & to Continue till the £6000: thereby Directed to be paid Be Levied & Replaced as afores.^d & till y.^e End of y.^e next Assembly after Such Repayment.

Note. This Act being Calculated for Raising an Immediate Supply of Money for his Matys Service upon the then Emergency of Governm.^t there is no Clause in it to Suspend the Operation till the Proprietarys Pleasure Signified upon it nor have any Such Clauses been Usually Inserted in Acts Passed in this Province. But the Act having Reced the Assent of the 3 Different Branches of the Legislature of the Province on 24 July 1754. is Expressly made to Commence in a Week afterw.^{ds} on Aug.st 1754 long before y.^e Proprietary co.^d have any Notice of it. But the Proprietary has not as yet Signified any Assent or Dissent to it as having neir Motive nor Inclination to Dissent to an Act so Essentially necessary to the very Existence of the Province & the necessity of an Assent being Removed by the immediate Operat.ⁿ of the Act.

About a Year after Passing this Act Application was first made to Lord Baltimores Agents in England by M.^r John Stuart of London Merch.^t the Contractor with the Governm.^t for the Exportation of the Convicts, Complaining that by Virtue of this Act the Naval Officers of the Province had taken from his Agents a ffee of 20.^s for every Convict there Landed But this Complaint being made by Parolle only