

No. 27 An Act for imposing an Additional duty of two Pounds Per Poll  
 [No. XXVIII] on all Negroes imported into this Province

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 No. 1  
 [Passed  
 26<sup>th</sup> of  
 November]  
 [Additional  
 duty of 40 s.  
 on each  
 negro im-  
 ported]

Be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that from and after the end of this Session of Assembly all Masters of Ships and other Vessels and all other Persons importing or bringing Negroes into this Province either by Land or by Water shall at the Time of making their entry or bringing in the same pay unto the Naval Officer of the Port or Place where they shall make their entry or bring in such Negroes the sum of two Pounds Current Money over and above what by the Law of this Province now in force is to be Payed for every Negroe so imported or brought in on Penalty and Forfeiture of ten Pounds Current Money for every Negroe so imported or brought in and not Payed for as aforesaid to be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Case with full Costs in any Court of Record within this Province having Cognizance of the same One half thereof to be Applied to the use of him her or them that shall sue for the same the other half to be Applied to the use of the County Schools which said duty shall be Collected Accounted for and Passed by the several Naval Officers in the same manner as the Duties on Negroes heretofore imposed by the Laws of this Province are directed to be collected Accounted for and Payd and under the like Penalties to be recovered and Applied in like manner as in the said Laws is mentioned and shall be Applied to the use of the several County Schools in like Manner as the duties last mentioned are by Former Laws of this Province directed to be Applied

[In what  
 manner  
 collected]

[Proviso, as  
 to the slaves  
 of persons  
 removing  
 into this  
 Province]  
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Provided always that nothing herein Contained shall hinder any Person or Persons who shall remove from any other of his Majestys Dominions in order to settle and reside within this Province from bringing with him her or them such Negroes as he she or they shall be Possessed of for carrying on his her or their proper Occupation at the Time of such removal but that such Negroes may be imported Duty Free any thing herein to the Contrary Notwithstanding

[If exported  
 in 2 months  
 the duty to  
 be returned]

Provided also that if any importer or bringer in of any such Negroes as aforesaid shall desire to export them or any of them within two Months from the Time of their Importation and shall make report thereof to the Naval Officer with whom they were first entered and shall export all or any of them it shall and may be Lawfull for such Naval Officer to repay the aforesaid duty to such importer or bringer in for such Negroes in Proportion to the Number that shall be so Exported

[Duration]

This Act to continue and be in force from the end of this Session of Assembly for and during the Term of three Years and to the