

Liber R. G. May seventeen hundred & sixty eight be & is hereby continued, &
 1771 shall remain & be in full Force for & during the Term of three
 Years, & to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall
 happen after the End of the said three Years.

By the Lower House of
 Assembly, October 23.^d
 1771. Read & assented to.
 Signed by Order,
 Jn.^o Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho.

On Behalf of the Right
 Honble, the Lord Pro-
 prietary of this Province
 I Will this be a Law
 Rob.^t Eden.

By the Upper House of
 Assembly Nov.^r 4. 1771.
 Read & Assented to.
 Signed by Order.
 U Scott Cl. Up. Ho.

The Great Seal
 in Wax Appendant.

No. 7 An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of five Pounds
 Current Money per Poll on all Negroes imported into this
 Province.

Be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary
 by & with the Advice & Consent of his Lordships Governor & the
 Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly & the Authority of the same,
 That from & after the last Day of October next all Masters of
 Ships & other Vessels & all other Persons importing or bringing
 Negroes into this Province by Land or 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 five Pounds Current Money
 over & above what by the Laws of this Province now in Force is
 to be paid for every Negroe so imported or brought in on Penalty &
 Forfeiture of twenty Pounds Current Money for every Negro so
 imported or brought in & not paid 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 within this Province which said Duty shall be
 collected, accounted for, & paid 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 &
 paid & under the like Penalties to be recovered & applied in like
 Manner as in the said Laws is mentioned & shall be applied to the
 Use of the County Schools in like Manner as the Duties on Negroes
 are by former Laws of this Province directed to be applied thereto,
 Provided always that nothing herein contained shall hinder any
 Person or Persons, who shall remove from any other of his Maj-
 esty's Dominions in order to settle & 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

[After the
 last Day
 of Oct. next,
 5 l. Current
 Money,
 additional
 Duty, to be
 paid on all
 Negroes
 imported.]

[Penalty.]

[This Duty
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 paid by the
 Naval Offi-
 cers as other
 Duties on
 Negroes
 heretofore
 imposed.]

[Proviso.]