

Liber R. G. 1773
 [Four Pence per Ton to be paid by all Vessels going into or coming out of the Province, till 3600 l. be raised, and afterwards One Penny Half-penny.]

the first Day of February next there shall be paid by the Masters and Owners of all Ships and other Vessels coming into or going out of this Province (other than from Virginia once in every Voyage at the Time of clearing out the Duty of four pence Current Money per Ton of the Burthen of each Ship or Vessel untill the said Sum of three thousand six hundred Pounds Current Money shall be thereby fully raised And such Notice as hereinafter directed of the raising of the same Duty shall be given by the Commissioners aforesaid and thereafter untill the first Day of February Seventeen hundred and Eighty six and no longer a Duty of one Penny half Penny Current Money Per Ton for and towards the Support of the said Light House to be collected by the Naval Officer of the Respective District where the said Ship or Vessel shall clear before the Delivery of her Clearance by such Naval Officer.

[Naval Officers to render an Account yearly to the Commissioners of the Monies received by them, &c.]

And be it further enacted that the several Naval Officers within this Province shall Yearly on the twentieth Day of October render to the Commissioners aforesaid an Account on Oath of all Monies by them respectively received in Virtue of this Act up to the twenty Ninth Day of September preceding and after deducting five per Cent for Collection shall pay the Ballance to the said Commissioners at the time of Rendering the same Accounts. And to the End that the said Duty of four Pence Current Money per Ton may continue no longer than Necessary the Commissioners aforesaid shall when they shall judge it probable that one full Years Collection will with what shall have been before Received be more than Necessary to make up the said Sum of three thousand six hundred Pounds Current Money require the several Naval Officers aforesaid to return an Account to them of the said Duty from the Time of their last Account thereof to the Day which the said Commissioners shall appoint for rendering such Accounts which the said Naval Officers are hereby directed to do And as soon as it shall appear to the said Commissioners that sufficient hath been received by the said Naval Officers they shall give Notice thereof to the Naval Officers aforesaid and from thenceforth the said Duty of four pence per Ton shall cease and the said Duty of one Penny half Penny per Ton shall commence—

[The Duty of One Penny Half-penny per Ton to be applied, jointly with that of Virginia, towards the Support of the Light-House.]

And be it further enacted that from the Time of the Commencement of the said Duty of one Penny half Penny per Ton until the Expiration thereof the Produce thereof or what thereof may be Necessary may be applied jointly with the one Penny half Penny per Ton granted in Virginia by the Act of the general Assembly thereof in the Proportion And by the Directors and Managers aforesaid for and towards the support of the said Light House and may be drawn for in manner aforesaid And shall be paid by the said Commissioners out of the Money by them to be received on the said Duty of one Penny half Penny per Ton And the Directors and Managers afore-