

C H A P. XXXVI.
After Entry, and Duty paid, the Naval Officer shall give a Permit.

IV. **And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,** That when the Importer or Importers aforesaid, have made fair Entries as aforesaid, and paid the Duty as aforesaid, that then the Naval Officer shall give the said Importer a Permit to carry the same to any River, Creek or Harbour, or Port or Place, of this Province, to make Sale of the same.

But such Liquors imported by Sea, &c. shall pay only 3 d. per Gallon.

V. **Provided always,** That if any Person or Persons shall import any the Liquors aforesaid, from *Pensylvania* aforesaid, in Sloops or other Vessels by Sea, through the Capes of *Chesapeak* Bay into this Province, that then such Importer or Importers shall only pay the Duty of Three-pence per Gallon, as others do.

Such Duty, how to be accounted for.

The Naval Officer's Oath.

VI. **And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That the Naval Officer aforesaid, for the said Duty of Nine-pence per Gallon aforesaid, shall account with the Public Treasurer of the Eastern Shore: And the Public Treasurer of the Eastern Shore shall account to the General Assembly of this Province, as is herein after mentioned: Which said Naval Officer shall make Oath before his Excellency the Governor, or whom the Governor shall impower to administer such Oath, that the said Naval Officer shall use his utmost Power and Diligence to cause this Act effectually to be put in Execution; and a Certificate of such Oath taken, shall be entered upon the Council Book.

A Duty of 20 Shillings per Poll laid on *Irish* Servants.

Penalty for Concealment.

VII. **And to prevent too great a Number of *Irish* Papists being imported into this Province; Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That all Masters of Ships and Vessels, or others, importing *Irish* Servants into this Province, by Land or by Water, at the Time of their Entry shall pay unto the Naval Officer, for the Time being, belonging to such Port or Place where they make their Entry, the Sum of * Twenty Shillings Sterling per Poll, towards the defraying the Public Charge of this Province, for every *Irish* Servant so imported, on Penalty and Forfeiture of Five Pounds Sterling per Poll, for every Servant so concealed at the Time of his Entry aforesaid, the one Half thereof to be appropriated to the Uses aforesaid, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in Form aforesaid.

* By the Act of 1732, *ch.* 23, this Clause, so far as it imposes any Duty on *Irish Protestant* Servants imported, is repealed; and it is thereby Enacted, That no Duty shall be paid for the Importation of any *Protestants* from *Ireland* or elsewhere. And by the Act of 1717, *ch.* 10, an additional Duty of 20 Shillings Currency per Poll is laid on all *Irish* Servants, being *Papists*, imported, to be applied to the Support of Public Schools; under a Penalty of 5 *l.* Currency for each such Servant concealed; and a Method prescribed (by tendering them the Oaths) for better Discovery of such *Irish Papists*.

A Duty of 20 s. Sterling per Poll laid on all Negroes imported.

Penalty for Concealment.

VIII. **Be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That for every Negro imported into this Province, either by Land or Water, the Importer or Importers of such Negro or Negroes shall pay unto the said Naval Officer aforesaid, the Sum of † Twenty Shillings Sterling per Poll, for the Uses aforesaid, on Penalty and Forfeiture of Five Pounds Sterling per Poll for every Negro kept back, or unaccounted for; to be applied to the Uses aforesaid, and to be recovered as aforesaid.

† By 1717, *ch.* 10, an additional Duty of 20 Shillings Currency per Poll is laid on all Negroes imported, to be applied to the Support of Public Schools, under the Penalty of 5 *l.* Currency for each Negro concealed, &c. By 1721, *ch.* 9, the Inhabitants of this Province may remove their own Slaves from neighbouring Colonies; or Persons coming here to settle, may import their domestic Slaves, without paying any Duty. And by 1735, *ch.* 6, no Duty is payable for Negroes or Servants who shall die, or be exported within Three Months.

3 d. per Gallon to be paid for all Rum, &c. imported by Water,

IX. **And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That from and after the Publication hereof, all Masters of Ships or Vessels, or all other Persons that shall, by Water, import any Rum, Brandy, Spirits or Wine, into this Province, shall pay unto the