

II. And to prevent the Changing of Gold and Silver carried from out of this Province into another, in order to have the Benefit of this Act, **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That every Person or Persons, claiming the Deduction of Fifteen per Cent, as aforesaid, shall, before he or they shall have any Advantage thereof by this Act, take the following Oath (*mutatis mutandis*) before the Officer appointed to receive the same Duties, Rates and Impositions, who are hereby impowered and directed to tender the same, *viz.*

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Persons claiming the 15 per Cent deduction, shall take the following

“ I A. B. do Swear, That the Sum of Gold and Silver which I now Pay, in Discharge of the Rates, Duties and Impositions, for the Goods and Commodities by me Imported at this Time of Entry, was Imported by me into this Province, and not purchased or procured by myself or any other Person for my Use, in this Province, nor was ever carried from out of this Province by myself or any other Person for my Use, with Design of bringing it back again for the Allowance of Fifteen per Cent, on the Duties arising upon the Commodities by me now Imported; nor that the same Gold or Silver hath been Exchanged, or obtained by Barter, or in any Manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, by myself or any other Person, for any Sum or Sums of Money in Gold or Silver, exported or carried from the Province of Maryland, by me or any other Person, to the best of my Knowledge. So help me GOD.”

Oath.

III. And that the Officer or Officers, who shall allow the said Fifteen Pounds per Cent, as aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby obliged and directed to make Oath, before he or they pass his or their Accounts, to be administered by one Provincial Justice, or two Justices of the County Court, “ That the Sum or Sums of Money, for which the said Officer or Officers shall crave the Allowance of Fifteen Pounds per Cent, as aforesaid, in his or their Accounts, was or were *bonâ fide* paid by the Person or Persons directed as aforesaid, to pay the same to the said Officer or Officers: And that the Oath before directed to be taken by such Person or Persons, was taken by such Person or Persons at the Time of such Payment;” and which Oath being certified by the said Justice or Justices, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Treasurer or Treasurers to allow the Deduction aforesaid, to the said Officer or Officers in his or their Accounts aforesaid.

And the Officers, before passing their Accounts, shall also make Oath,

on Certificate whereof the Treasurers shall allow the deduction.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XVI.

An Act for the Relief of Christopher Gardiner, a languishing Prisoner in Baltimore County Goal. Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 284. PR. Passed 8th August 1729.

C H A P. XVII.

An Act against Ingrossers and Reqrators. Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 289. REP. Ditto. 1735, ch. 12.

This Act repealed that of 1704, ch. 48, which see.

C H A P. XVIII.

An Act to aid the Proceedings of some of the County Courts within this Province. Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 291. Ditto.

^b Viz. Such Defects as were occasioned by some of the Justices not having taken the Oath of a Judge, &c. according to 1728, ch. 1, that Act being in Force, as his Lordship's Dissent thereto had not as yet been published.

C H A P. XIX.

An Act for raising a Duty of Three Pence per Hogshead, on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned. Lib. L. N^o 5. fol. 292. EXP. Ditto.

^c One Half to the Governor, the other Half to the County Schools; till the 29th Sept. 1732.