

C H A P. VI.

A Supplementary ACT to an Act, entitled, * An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several sorts of Liquors imported; and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 121.*

Passed 23^d April 1735. * 1715, ch. 36.

FORASMUCH as it appears to this General Assembly, to be a Hardship on the Importers of Servants and Slaves into this Province, to pay Duty for such as shall happen to die, or be exported again before Sale; **Be it Enacted**, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, hereafter Importing any Servants or Slaves, shall be chargeable with, or liable to pay, any Duty for any Servant or Slave that shall happen to Die, or be Exported out of this Province, before Sale of the said Servant or Slave.

Preamble.
No Duty to be paid for Slaves or Servants Dying, or Exported before Sale,

II. Provided always, That such Death or Exportation, shall happen within Three Months after the Importation of such Servant or Slave; and that the said Person or Persons, who shall desire the Benefit of this Act, shall declare on his, her, or their corporal Oaths, to be administered by the Naval Officer, on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty GOD, That such Servant or Servants, Negro or Negroes, Exported or Dead, within the said Time of Three Months, is or are Part of the Servants or Negroes imported or made Entry of; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

if such Death happen within 3 Months, of which, Oath to be made.

III. And whereas divers Frauds have been committed by sundry Persons not Inhabitants of this Province, importing Negroes from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and other Provinces, who make Sale of the said Negroes without Payment of the Duties arising on such Negroes: For Prevention whereof for the future; **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Person or Persons, in whose Custody any Negro or Negroes so imported into this Province, shall be found, shall be deemed to be the Importer or Importers, and liable to pay the Duties due by Law, to the Naval Officers of the District where the said Person or Persons reside, under the Penalties by former Acts of Assembly in such Cases inflicted upon the Importer or Importers of any Negro or Negroes concealed, kept back, or unaccounted for by him, her, or them: To be recovered in the Manner, and to the Uses, directed by the aforesaid Acts of Assembly.

Persons in whose Custody Negroes from Pennsylvania, Virginia, &c. are found, shall be deemed the Importers.

* 1715, ch. 36; §. 8; and 1717, ch. 10, §. 3 and 4.

IV. And for the more effectual discovery what Rum, Wine and Spirits, by the before-mentioned Act liable to the Payment of Duty, shall be brought into this Province; **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That after the End of this Session of Assembly, every Naval Officer within this Province, before he shall make Entry of any such Rum, Wine, or Spirits, shall require and receive, from the Person applying to make the said Entry, an Invoice on Oath, of the Quantity of Gallons, which the Cask by him at that Time imported, gauge in Wine Gallons, together with the Marks and Numbers of such Cask. And if any Person shall presume to land any such Rum, Wine, or Spirits, from on board any Ship or Vessel within this Province, or if it be brought over Land from Pennsylvania, or Virginia, shall let it be Water-born in Chesapeak Bay, or any the Branches thereof, before Invoice delivered, and Entry made as aforesaid, shall forfeit the same, or the Value of it: The one Moiety thereof to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government; and the other Moiety to him or them that will seize or sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action

Entry of Liquors liable to Duty, shall be made on Oath with the Naval Officer.

Penalty for landing such Liquors, or (if brought by Land from Pennsylvania) letting them be Water-born in the Bay, before Entry.