

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid,* That the several clerks of the several courts of record, register of the court of chancery, and register of the commissary's court, within this province, shall be and they are hereby obliged to deliver to the defendants, if required, full copies, in a fair legible hand, of all the costs of suit recovered against such defendant; and that if any clerk or register shall refuse so to do, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of two thousand pounds of tobacco, to be recovered in the county where such clerk or register resides, and that one-half be applied to the use of the public school in such county, and the other half to the informer that shall sue for the same, to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law to be allowed.

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MARCH, 1734.—CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT to prevent the Injuring Harbours within this Province, and for repealing the act therein mentioned.

A supplementary act, 1774, ch. 18.

WHEREAS notwithstanding the laws heretofore made for the preservation of harbours and landing places within this province, masters of ships and vessels, and others having the charge or command of ships and vessels, have caused or suffered great quantities of ballast, from on board their ships and vessels, to be thrown into the rivers and harbours within this province, whereby many safe and very good harbours are already spoiled, or rendered dangerous, which practice, if not timely prevented, will be very hurtful to the trade and navigation of Great Britain, and entirely destructive to the trade and navigation of this province: And whereas the said pernicious practices have been continued and carried on, because, by the laws heretofore made, masters of ships and vessels, or other persons who have had the charge and command of ships and vessels, and who therefore might and ought to have prevented the said mischievous custom, have not been subject to any penalty for neglecting their duty therein; wherefore it is prayed that it may be enacted,

Preamble.

SEC. 2. *And 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 from and after the publication of this act if any ballast shall be taken, unladen, or cast out of any ship or other vessel, on any pretence whatsoever, within the limits hereafter mentioned, but in the day time; that is to say, between the rising and setting of the sun, or if any ballast shall be unladen, or taken out of any ship or vessel in the bay of Chesapeake, above Cedar point, below the mouth of Patuxent

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