

Lordships your heirs and Successors Absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province may for the future be Enabled in some measure to defray the same and in particular to allow competent Salaries and Encouragement to the Lieutenant Governour and Chief Governours And to the privy Council of the Lord and Proprietary of this Province for the time being so as without prejudice to their private affairs they may be Encouraged and Reasonably Required to attend unto the Administration of Justice and other Publick Concernments doo beseech your Lordship that it may be Enacted And Bee itt Enacted by his Lordship the Lord and Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly That from and after the first day of September now next coming there shall be Raysoe Levysed Collected and paid unto his Lordship the Lord and Proprietary of this Province the sume of two Shillings Sterling for every Hoggshead & quantity of an hoggshead of Tobacco which shall be at any time then after Shipped in any ship or vessell to be Exported out of this Province or any the severall Islands Ports Rivers Creeks or places therunto Belonging.

And Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid and by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid That the said duty and Imposition shall be from time to time paid and Satisfied by the master and masters of every such ship or vessell respectively in which any such Tobacco shall be Exported upon his or their (boarding and taking out of his and their dispatch and dispatches for every such respective Shipp and vessell And before the departure of such ship or vessell from this Province And that all and every master and masters of any Shipp or vessell coming into this Province shall at their first arrivall here and before their Lading on board any goods or Commodities of the growth Production or Manufacture of this Province give good and sufficient Security and Surety to the Lord and Proprietary or to the Lieutenant Governour or Chief Governour of this Province for the time being for the true payment of the said duty and Imposition accordingly -

And Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid and by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid That all and every person or persons Shipping or Lading on board or attempting or Endeavouring to Shipp or Lade on board in any ship or vessell whatsoever any Tobacco for which the said duty or Imposition is or shall be due before such Security given by the master or masters of such ship or vessell for the payment of the duty or Imposition before mentioned And a Certificate of such Security given first had and obtained under the hand and Seale of the Lord & Proprietary or Lieut. Governour or Chief Governour of this Province for the time being or of such officer or officers on that behalf for the time being to be appointed shall forfeit the same or the full value thereof the one moiety whereof shall be to his said Lordship his heirs & Successors Lord and Proprietary of this Province and the other moiety to him or them who shall Seize or sue for the same by Bill of Complaint or Information in any the Courts