

his h[er] Maj[est]y And wheras the said Act is altogether silent for what  
 cause the said Imposition hath beene ever since levied and raised whereby  
 the true intent of the said Law hath beene heretofore unknowne to the great  
 dissatisfaction of the good people of this Province no other apparent  
 reason or cause for the same being then only the advancement of his  
 Lordships interest who hath ever since converted the same to his owne use the  
 present Generall Assembly therefore having taken the promises into their  
 Consideration and being fully satisfied that the reasons and causes of  
 quiting the said Refugia was for the better securing the severall  
 Ports and harbours within this Province by erecting of forts and  
 finding sufficient Ammunition for maintaining the same which his  
 Ex:ce:ll:ty hath in no wise complied with and forasmuch as this present Generall  
 Assembly concoures his said Ex:ce:ll:ty was incapacitated of performing  
 what upon making the said Act was meant and intended should have  
 been performed It is humbly prayed it may be enacted And be it  
 enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the  
 advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of  
 the same that from and after the Publication hereof every shipp or vessel  
 not properly belonging to this Province having a dock flesh fow and  
 aft coming in and trading within this Province shall pay for fort  
 duties or Anchorage the sume of fourteen pence Sterling mony of  
 England to be paid to our sovereign Lord and Lady King William and  
 Queen Mary their heirs and successors for support of the Government  
 within this Province And wheras also it hath been thought meet and  
 convenient by this present Generall Assembly that an annuale and  
 certain allowance should be made to such persons who are appointed  
 and chosen to be of their Majesties Council within this Province except  
 such as shall have and shewe place of profitte And it therfore enacts  
 by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice and consent aforesaid  
 that every person or persons nominated and appointed to be of their  
 Majesties Council within this Province and having no such place  
 of profitte as aforesaid for and in satisfaction of their loss and

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