

And Acted for the better enforcing the publication thereof to divers unto divers
 Respective Master & Officers of the said Law for such a Reward as by the said Law
 was limited and allowed, annually unloaded and cast out their Ballast in such
 Creeks and harbours where they usually lade to take in their loading to the great
 Damages of the chiefest and most eminent harbours within this Province by
 reason of so great number of shippes as yearly in them doe reside for provisions
 whereof for the future Good it enacted by the King and Queens most excellent
 Majesty by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly
 and by Authority of the same that from and after the Publication of this Act no
 person or persons whatsoever whether Inhabitant or Forreigner how trading
 in shippes or vessells of greater or lesser burthen having a Deck shall unload
 or cast out of their said shippes or vessells any kind of Ballast into the harbours or
 Creeks where they usually lade and doe not lay it to the shoard and lay it
 above high water marks shall for every such default forfeit and pay two thousand
 pound of Tobacco the one halfe to our sovereign Lord and Lady the King
 and Queen to be employed for the support of Government and the other moiety
 to him or them that shall first for the same to be discovered by Action of Debt
 or Information whereon no Effoyne protection or waiver of Law to be allowed
 And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice
 and consent aforesaid that every Respective Navall Officer within this
 Province or Colletour for the tyme being or that shall hereafter be during
 the Continuance of this Act shall be obliged at their own proper Costs to
 take out a Copied of this Act from the Office where the Originall Transcript
 of the body of the Lawes shall be kept signed by the keeper of the said Lawes
 and the same affix at their Respective Office doors to the end all Comanders
 and Masters of shippes or other vessells Dockt as aforesaid may have due
 Cognizance thereof on forfeiture of two thousand pounds of Tobacco the
 one halfe to our sovereign Lord and Lady the King and Queen to be
 Employed for the use intent and purposes aforesaid the other halfe to the
 Informer to be discovered as aforesaid anything in the former Act to
 the Contrary notwithstanding