

Imposition hath been ever since levied and raised, where by the true
intent of the said Law hath been hitherto unknown 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 own use This present Generall Assembly therefore having
taken the premises into their serious Consideration, and being
fully satisfied that the reasons and Causes of giving the said Sub-
sidy, 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 Lord. hath in no
wise complied with, and for as much as this present Generall
Assembly conceives his said Lord. was incapacitated for 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 Gen. Assembly
and the authority of the same. That from and after the
Publication hereof, every Ship or Vessel (not properly belonging
to this Province) having a Deck flush fore and aft coming in and
Trading within this Province shall pay ^{for} Port charges or Anchorage
the sum of fourteen pence sterl. money of England to be paid
to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and Queen their heirs
and Successors for Support of the Government within this Province
And Whereas also it hath been thought meet and Conve-