

also unjust being exacted and extorted from the aforesaid Masters  
of such ships or vessels as aforesaid without any pretence or Colour  
of Law or Justice whatsoever but for that it doth appear to this present  
Generall assembly that there is a Necessity of getting Fees for the main-  
taining such Officer or Officers as shall be from time to time app<sup>to</sup> for  
Entering and clearing such ships or vessels as aforesaid. **Be** it there-  
fore Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majestys  
by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly  
and the Authority of the same, that from and after the Publicat<sup>n</sup>  
hereof, every Master of a ship or vessel Trading into this Province  
upon clearing his ship or vessel as aforesaid, shall allow and pay  
unto his Majestys Governour for the time being, the sum of forty  
Shillings and no more, for such his Entering, Clearing & Granting a  
Permits as aforesaid, their said Majesties Governour being hereby  
obliged to find Officers who shall give good and sufficient security  
to such their Majesties Governour as aforesaid for due Execution of the  
premises, and that they shall not aske demand or exact from  
any Master so clearing as aforesaid any Fee gratuity or reward  
whatsoever or sum of money in his dispatch in expectation of a Fee  
Gratuity or reward as aforesaid to be by such Master tendered for the  
reasons and Causes aforesaid but that every such Officer or Officers  
so nominated and appointed as aforesaid being guilty of the pre-  
misses upon one proof thereof made, shall for every such default  
forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds sterl. one half thereof  
to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and Queen for support