

thereof which would be too great a Burthen at this time & under goe  
It is by the Generall Assembly thought no greater Expedient can be  
found then by affesting an Impost upon Liquors of four pence of  
Gallon upon all such Liquors as shall be Imported into this Province  
Liquors from England only Excepted TO Your Majesties most humble  
and Loyall Subjects the Deligates and Burgeses of this present Generall  
Assembly humbly pray that 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, all Masters of Ships  
and other Vessells importing Liquors into this Province with intent to  
vend and dispose of the same pay unto their Majesties the Sum of four  
pence of Gallon for every Gallon of Liquor Imported into this Province  
to the intent to vend and dispose thereof, the same to be Collected by  
their Majesties Receiver Generall of this Province, who shall give  
good Security in their Majesties names to be accountable to the Assembly  
and pay the same annually for the space of three years to the uses  
aforesaid or any or so many of them as the said Generall Assembly  
of this Province shall think fitt to Order and direct for the ends  
and purposes aforesaid CUNCT be it further Enacted that every  
Master at the time of Entering such Ships or other Vessells aforesaid  
shall render upon Oath an Account of the quantity & quality  
of such Liquors so Imported to be vendid or sold as aforesaid  
and that the severall and respective Navall Officers within  
this Province for the time being shall at the time of Entri