

for laying an Imposition on the several Commodities exported out of this Province. 35

Province aforesaid any Furrs or Skins herein before mentioned and expressed for England or to any his Majesty's Plantations, as aforesaid, shall for every Skin or Furrs by him exported of what nature or quality forever being comprized within this Act, pay unto his Majesty or his Successor for the use aforesaid double the Duty by this Act appointed to be paid by Persons inhabiting and residing within this Province as aforesaid the same several Impositions to be collected by the several and respective Naval Officers within this Province which said Naval Officers shall once a year tender an Account of the said Imposition to the Governors, Trustees and Visitors of the aforesaid Free-schools or Schools for the time being who shall and are hereby authorized and empowered to order and dispose of the same, to the Use, Benefit and Purposes aforesaid; And to the end the several Impositions may be fully and duly paid without Fraud or Deceit.

BE IT ENACTED By the Authority aforesaid, that any person or persons whatsoever exporting any Furrs or Skins out of this Province, shall at or before the shipping on Board of such Vessel in which such Skins or Furrs shall be exported as aforesaid, render upon Oath an Account of the nature quantity and quality of the said Skins by him her or them exported as aforesaid, and whether the same be his her or their proper Goods and Commodities, or the Goods and Commodities of any other person or persons, then whether he she or they to whom they properly belong as aforesaid, be Inhabitants or Residents of this Province aforesaid, which said Oath shall be exhibited by the several and respective Naval Officers or their Deputy's thereunto especially appointed, and if any person or persons whether Inhabitants or non Residents shall put on Board any Ship or other Vessel any Furrs or Skins for which he she or they shall not have paid the Imposition aforesaid, or given good and sufficient caution for the same to the Naval Officer of such Port and Place from whence such Furrs and Skins shall be shipped as aforesaid, or to his Deputy for the time being, and a Certificate from under the Hand of such Naval Officer or his Deputy produce for the payment or caution by him given for payment of the Imposition aforesaid, he she or they so offending shall forfeit and loose all his her or their Furrs or Skins so Shipped as aforesaid, one half thereof to his said Majesty and his Successors for the use aforesaid, the other half to him or them that shall inform and Sue for the same, to be recovered by action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or wager of Law shall be allowed. And that the Master of any such Ship or Vessel that shall willingly or knowingly take on Board his said Ship or Vessel any Furrs or Skins as aforesaid, for which the party or party's Shipping the same shall not produce a certificate as aforesaid, being thereof Lawfully convicted shall forfeit and pay the Sum of five hundred pounds of Tobacco, one half thereof to his Sacred Majesty and his Successors for the use aforesaid, the other half to him or them that shall inform or Sue for the same to be recovered as aforesaid, and that the several and respective Naval Officers of the several and respective Ports may and are hereby Authorized and Impowered when, and as often as he or they shall think fit to enter into any Ship or Vessel trading to and from this Province, or into any House, Ware-House, or other Building and open any Trunk, Chest, Cask or Fardle, and search to make in any part or place of such Ship or Vessel, Houses or Buildings as aforesaid, where such Naval Officer shall suspect any such Furrs or Skins to be as aforesaid, for which no Account is given or Duty paid as aforesaid, and upon finding any such Furrs or Skins unqualified for exportation as aforesaid, them to seize and take condemned, as by this Law as before directed.

And Be It Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that from and after the publication hereof as aforesaid, all persons not being Inhabitants of this Province exporting out of the same any beef or pork or bacon shall pay unto his Sacred Majesty and his Successors for the use in this Act beforementioned and express the several Impacts following, (that is to say) for dried beef and bacon twelve pence the hundred weight, and so proportionably for greater or lesser quantity's, and for beef or pork undried twelve pence the Barrel, each Barrel to contain two hundred weight; And that no undried beef & pork be exported out of this Province but in Cask as aforesaid, which said several Impositions shall be collected and gathered by the said several and respective Naval Officers who shall be accountable for the same, and have full Authority