

the Authority of the same, that from and after the publication hereof all Masters of Ships and Vessels or others importing *Irish* Servants into this Province by Land or by Water at the time of their Entry shall pay unto the Naval Officer for the time being belonging to such Port or Place where they make their Entry the sum of twenty shillings sterling *per pole* towards the defraying the publick charge of this Province for every *Irish* servant so imported on penalty and forfeiture of five pounds sterling *per pole* for every servant so conceal'd at the time of his Entry aforesaid, the one half thereof to be appropriated to the uses aforesaid the other half to the informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recover'd in her Majestys name in any Court of Record within this Province by Action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information wherein no *Essoyn* Protection or *Wager of Law* to be allow'd.

*Every person who imports any negro or negroes into this Province shall pay unto the Naval Officer for the time being belonging to such Port or Place where they make their Entry the sum of twenty shillings sterling per pole for the uses aforesaid on penalty & forfeiture of five pounds sterling per pole for every negro kept back or unaccounted for to be apply'd for the uses aforesaid and to be recover'd as aforesaid.*

And be it further Enacted by the authority advice & consent aforesaid, that for every Negro imported into this Province either by land or water, the importer or importers of such negro or negroes shall pay unto the Naval Officer aforesaid the sum of twenty shillings sterling *per pole* for the uses aforesaid on penalty & forfeiture of five pounds sterling *per pole* for every negro kept back or unaccounted for to be apply'd for the uses aforesaid and to be recover'd as aforesaid.

*Every person who imports any rum brandy spirits or wine into this Province shall pay unto the Naval Officer aforesaid where they make their Entry the sum of three pence per gallon for every gallon of rum brandy spirits or wine so imported into this Province as aforesaid to be apply'd to the uses aforesaid (Liquors from England always excepted.)*

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid, that from & after the publication hereof all Masters of Ships or other Vessels that shall either by Land or Water import any Rum Brandy Spirits or Wine into this Province shall pay unto the Naval Officer aforesaid where they make their Entry the sum of three pence *per gallon* for every gallon of Rum Brandy Spirits or Wine so imported into this Province as aforesaid to be apply'd to the uses aforesaid (Liquors from *England* always excepted.)

*And be it further Enacted by the authority advice & consent aforesaid, that no Rum Brandy Spirits or Wine upon which the dutys aforesaid are assess'd shall be landed or put on shoar out of any Ship or other Vessel which shall import the same or any other without due entry thereof with the officer thereby appointed (upon Oath of the said person or persons importing any of the aforesaid liquors) for collecting the same in the port or place where such liquors shall happen to be imported as aforesaid or before the duty due and payable for the same be satisfied or secured to be satisfied, and a warrant for the landing thereof be signed by the officer for that purpose appointed upon pain & peril that all such liquors landed & put on shoar contrary to the true intent & meaning of this Act shall be forfeited & lost or the full value thereof, one half to be appropriated towards the defraying of the publick charge of this Province and the other half to the informer or him or them that shall sue for the same to be recovered as aforesaid in any other Majestys Courts of Record within this Province by action of debt bill plaint or information wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd.*

And for the better encouragement of all Masters Merchants Owners & other persons whatsoever to make due entrys & payment of the dutys rates & impositions raised by this Act in consideration of leakage and other damage, the Officer is hereby authorized & empower'd to make allowance & abatement of twenty gallons in every hundred gallons of all such liquors so to be duly entred as aforesaid, and the Officers hereby appointed for collecting & gathering the dutys aforesaid shall & are hereby empower'd upon any suspicion of fraud or deceit by any importer owner or proprietor of any such liquors in concealing & not making due entry of the same to go and enter on board any Ship or Vessel or into any House or Warehouse on shoar & from thence to seize bring on shoar or secure all such liquors for which the dutys aforesaid are not duly paid or secur'd to be paid as aforesaid, & that the said Officers & their deputys may freely stay and remain on board until the goods are deliver'd & discharged out of the said Ship or Vessel, and all Officers as well military as civil of this Province and Masters & Officers of Ships are hereby required & enjoyned to be aiding and assisting to such Naval Officers in discharging of their duty aforesaid, for all which the said Officers & others assisting them shall be saved and kept harmless by vertue of this Act.

*And be it further Enacted by the authority advice and consent aforesaid, that all such Naval Officers shall give good security to the Governour of this Province for the time being and shall take the severall Oaths well & faithfully to gather the Impost so arising by vertue of this Act or any clause herein contained and adjust & faithfully to account twice a year, and to give and render to the publick Treasurers of this Province for the time being authorized for receiving the said impost for which the said Treasurers shall have for their salary four pounds per Cent. who are to give good Bond for the same to be accountable & render an account to the next meeting of the Assembly to be by them disposed of towards the defraying of the publick charge of this Province.*

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