

W *Some doubtful expressions in the Act for Limitation of Officers Fees*
Hereas in the said Act for *limitation of Officers Fees* it is exprest the Secretary shall have for every Execution & return and a blank left for the sum, when it ought to have been exprest 28 pounds of Tobacco.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice & Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that he shall have for an Execution & return 28 pounds of Tobacco, and for any matter enter'd upon Record not exceeding half a side eight pounds of Tobacco, and for every continuance in Chancery 16 pounds of Tobacco.

And be it Enacted that such Fees in the several cases aforesaid as were appointed by his Excellency the Governour in Council to be paid to the Secretary until this present Session of Assembly shall be satisfied & paid to the Secretary by the persons from whom the same are due, & on nonpayment thereof it shall be lawful to levy the same by way of Execution. This Act to endure so long as the said Act for *limitation of Officers Fees* shall be in force & no longer.

An Act repealing an Act intituled an Act to prohibit the exportation of European Commodities out of this Province.

B E it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice & Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that one Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly begun & held at the Town & Port of Annapolis the 2d day of April in the Year of our Lord 1706 intituled *an act to prohibit the exportation of European Commodities out of this Province*, and every article matter clause & thing therein contain'd shall be & is hereby utterly repeal'd & made void.

An Act to prevent cropping cutting and defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships and Vessels upon Freight.

V V Hereas the inhabitants of this Province that do ship their Tobacco on board of Ships or other Vessels upon Freight are much injured by cropping, cutting, lessening, diminishing & defacing of the hogheads wherein such tobacco is packt, by the Masters of Ships or other Vessels, or by other persons on board the said Ships under their command & government, for Remedy whereof for the future,

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that every Master of Ship or other Vessel within this Province, that shall let out his Ship or Vessel to Freight, shall at the time when he enters his Ship or Vessel with the Naval Officer enter into Bond with one sufficient Security to the Queens Majesty her Heirs & Successors in the sum of two hundred pounds Sterling, upon condition that he shall not for that Voyage cut or cause or suffer to be any ways lessen'd diminish'd defaced or impair'd any hoghead or hogheads of Tobacco shipt on board his Ship or Vessel by any Inhabitant Merchant or Factor within this Province upon Freight, and the several & respective Naval Officers within this Province are requir'd by this Act to get copys of this Act & hang 'em up in their respective Offices, for which copys they shall have the allowance of 100 pds of tobacco each Officer in each County Levy, and the Officer that takes such Bond shall have two shillings & six pence & no more.

And be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice & Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that if any Master of a Ship or other Vessel within this Province, that after the end of this Session of Assembly shall put out his Ship or Vessel to Freight, and shall presume to take into his Ship or Vessel any hoghead or hogheads of tobacco upon Freight before he hath enter'd into Bond with one sufficient surety according to the direction of this Act, he shall forfeit one hundred pounds Sterling, one half thereof to the Queens Majesty her Heirs and Successors for the support of the Government of this Province, and the other half to him or them that will sue for the same, to be recover'd by Action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information in any Court of Record within this Province having jurisdiction thereof wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allow'd.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent aforesaid, that if any Master of a Ship or other Vessel within this Province shall receive any hoghead or hogheads of tobacco on board his said Ship or Vessel upon freight and shall either by himself or any Officer or other person on board his said Ship or Vessel under his command cut or suffer any hoghead or hogheads of tobacco to be cut crop't lessen'd in their length or breadth or by any other ways or means abused defaced or impaired, that then and in every such case such Master of a Ship or Vessel for every hoghead of tobacco so cut or suffer'd to be cut crop't or lessen'd in the length or breadth, abused defaced or impaired upon Oath thereof made by one sufficient witness, or a certificate thereof made under the hand & Seal of his Office of any one of her Majestys Customhouse Officers in England shall forfeit three pounds Sterling, one third part thereof to her Majesty her Heirs & Successors for the support of the Government of this Province, and the other two thirds to the party grieved, for recovery whereof the Bond so aforesaid to be given shall at the prayer of the party grieved be put in Suit and prosecuted