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on them as aforesaid, if sufficient shall in that manner have come to their hands, at the time such orders shall be presented to them for payment; but if sufficient shall not have come to their hands, then the commissioners aforesaid shall pay the said orders out of any other money in their hands belonging to the public.

Four-pence
per ton to be
paid on all
vessels, &c.

IV. **And**, for repayment of the said sum of three thousand six hundred pounds current money, **Be it enacted**, That from and after the first day of February next, there shall be paid by the masters and owners of all ships and other vessels coming into or going out of this province, other than from Virginia, once in every voyage, at the time of clearing out, the duty of four-pence current money per ton of the burthen of each ship or vessel, until the said sum of three thousand six hundred pounds current money shall be thereby fully raised; and such notice as herein after directed of the raising of the same duty shall be given by the commissioners aforesaid, and thereafter until the first day of February seventeen hundred and eighty-six, and no longer, a duty of one penny halfpenny current money per ton, for and towards the support of the said light-house, to be collected by the naval officer of the respective district where the said ship or vessel shall clear, before the delivery of her clearance by such naval-officer.

Naval officers
to render an
account year-
ly, &c.

V. **And be it further enacted**, That the several naval officers within this province shall yearly, on the twentieth day of October, render to the commissioners aforesaid an account on oath of all monies by them respectively received in virtue of this act, up to the twenty-ninth day of September preceding, and, after deducting five *per cent.* for collection, shall pay the balance to the said commissioners at the time of rendering the same account. And, to the end that the said duty of four-pence current money per ton may continue no longer than necessary, the commissioners aforesaid shall, when they shall judge it probable that one full year's collection will, with what shall have been before received, be more than necessary to make up the said sum of three thousand six hundred pounds current money, require the several naval officers aforesaid to return an account to them of the said duty, from the time of their last account thereof, to the day which the said commissioners shall appoint for rendering such account, which the said naval officers are hereby directed to do: And as soon as it shall appear to the said commissioners, that sufficient hath been received by the said naval officers, they shall give notice thereof to the naval officers aforesaid, and from thenceforth the said duty of four-pence per ton shall cease, and the said duty of one penny halfpenny per ton shall commence.

How the duty
of one penny
halfpenny is
to be applied.

VI. **And be it further enacted**, That from the time of the commencement of the said duty of one penny halfpenny per ton, until the expiration thereof, the produce thereof, or what thereof may be necessary, may be applied, jointly with the one penny halfpenny per ton granted in Virginia, by the act of the general assembly thereof, in the proportion, and by the directors and managers aforesaid, for and towards the support of the said light-house, and may be drawn for in manner aforesaid, and shall be paid by the said commissioners out of the money by them to be received on the said duty of one penny halfpenny per ton; and the directors and managers aforesaid, are to render to the general assembly of this province an account of the expenditure of the monies aforesaid hereby granted, at the time or times and in the manner they render any account of the expenditure of the money granted as aforesaid by the colony of Virginia.

Surplus to be
lent to the
public, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted**, That all the monies which shall arise on the said duty of four-pence per ton, as well as the surplus, if any, of the said duty of one penny halfpenny per ton, shall belong to the public of this province, and shall, from time to time, as the same shall come to the hands of the commissioners aforesaid, be lent out on the same terms, and in like manner, as other public monies in their hands, and the same, with the interest thereof, shall be applied and disposed of as the general assembly of this province shall direct and appoint.