

*Hogshead of Tobacco*, and the like duty for every *Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco* contained in Chest, Box or Case on all Tobacco that shall be Exported out of this Province by Land or by Water, be raised, levied and paid to her Majesty, towards the defraying the publick Charge of this Province, in Money sterling of *Great Britain*, or by good and sufficient Bills of Exchange; to be collected by the naval Officer of the Port or District where such Ship or Vessel shall Clear.

And the said Naval Officers are directed and required by this Act, to receive the same in Money sterling of *Great Britain*, or by good and sufficient Bills of Exchange accordingly. And the said Naval Officers shall account and pay for the said Imposition of *Three Pence per Hogshead*, and the *Three Pence* for every *Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco* contained, as above, in Money sterling, as aforesaid, or such Bills of Exchange, to the Treasurers of this Province, who are hereby required to render an account thereof, and pay the same in *Money sterling*, as aforesaid, or such Bills of Exchange, to the General Assembly, any Law, Statute or Usage to the Contrary notwithstanding.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid*, That the said Imposition of *Three Pence per Hogshead* and the *three Pence* for every *Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco*, as aforesaid, shall be appropriated to the General Assembly of this Province, toward the paying the Charge thereof, and to no other Use whatsoever.

*And be it further Enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid*, That if any Tobacco should by any Casual means be lost, after the Imposition paid, that then and in all such Cases the Owner or Freighter of all such Tobacco shall have free Liberty to freight and Ship off the like Quantity again, without paying the said Imposition.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid*, That one Act of Assembly, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port of *Annapolis* the Fifth Day of September, *Anno Domini* Seventeen Hundred and Four, entituled, *An Act for laying an Imposition of Three Pence per Hogshead on Tobacco, for Defraying the Publick Charge of this Province*, and every Article, Clause, Matter and Thing therein contained, shall be and is hereby utterly Repealed and made Void. And this present Act to be and Endure in full Force and Strength for the Term of three Years, and to the End of the next Sessions of Assembly after the three Years.

### An Act for Relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of suits at Law.

**W**Hereas during the late long and Expensive War her Majestys good Subjects of this Province have greatly Suffered, and many of them have been utterly Ruined, not only by losses at Sea of their Tobacco, which is their only staple Manufacture, being taken by the Enemy, but also by the *European* Markets being shut up, by reason of the Export to *France and Spain*, in great Measure prohibited, so that very many honest and Industrious Planters, her Majesty's Subjects here, by the very Charges of necessary Cloathing and Tools for themselves and Families, are become vastly Indebted, and no Prospect, as yet appearing, whereby they may Extricate themselves out of their Miserable  
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