

such Ship or Vessel coming into this Province, shall at their first Arrival here, and before their Lading on Board any Goods or Commodities of the Growth, Production or Manufacture of this Province, give good and sufficient Security for the payment thereof, as is herein before directed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, *An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads, and to prevent Cropping, Cutting and Defacing Tobacco taken on Board Ships or Vessels upon freight, and for laying an Imposition on Tobacco per the Hogshead, for the support of Government, and for the encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the manner of paying his Lordship's Alienation Fines and Quit Rents for the term therein proposed, and for taking off the three Pence per Hogshead formerly raised for defraying the Publick Charge,* made at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis* the Seventeenth Day of July, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Sixteen, be and remain in full Force and Virtue, until this Present Act takes Place; And that from and after the time of this Present Act's taking Effect, it shall be entirely Void, and be hereby Repealed.

Former Act Continued till this take place.

And then to be Void.

And whereas, as it is considered by this Present General Assembly, that the levying and imposing the Additional Duty of Six Pence per Hogshead for his Lordship's full discharge of the Quit-Rents and Fines for Alienations, as aforesaid, will advance the whole Duty at Present on Tobacco exported out of this Province, to the Sum of *Three Shillings and Nine Pence Sterling per Hogshead*, which will be so great a burthen on the Tobacco Trade, that this General Assembly think it their Duty and absolutely necessary to ease it, as far as in them lies,

The three pence per Hogshed to the Publick taken off.

Liberty to re-ship in case of losse.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority, Advice and consent aforesaid, That an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled; *An Act laying an Imposition of three Pence per Hogshead on Tobacco for defraying the Publick Charge of this Province,* made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of *Annapolis* the 22d Day of June, 1713. shall and is hereby utterly Repealed and made Void. *Provided also,* That from and after this Present Session of Assembly, in case of Ship-wreck, or other Loss of any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, so that the Tobaccos therein Loaden, be lost before the delivery of each Ship or Vessel at the intended Port, then the Master, Merchant or Owner of such Tobacco, so loaden and lost, as aforesaid, who shall have paid the Duties aforesaid, shall have the liberty to ship at some other time so many Hogsheads of Tobacco as they had formerly paid Impost Money for, as aforesaid, free and clear of any the said Impositions.

Naval Officer Salary of receiving the Duty.

Treasurers Duty and Salary.

And be it further Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Publick of this Province shall not be burthened or charged with any Sallary or Sallaries for the collecting all or any the said Duties and Imposts herein before-mentioned to be raised, save only the Duty of *Three Pence per Hogshead*, on Tobacco exported, by this Act appropriated to the purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province, which shall and is hereby intended to be received by the several Naval Officers of the respective Ports where the same shall arise, for which Receiving they shall be allowed after the Rate of *Eight per Cent.* and be and are hereby obliged to Account therefore unto the Publick Treasurers of this Province, who shall render Account thereof to the General Assembly, when thereto required, and which Treasurers for Receiving, Accounting and paying the said Duties, as may be directed, according