

Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Her Government, for the time being, in and over this Her Majesty's Province aforesaid, and the Territories to the same belonging, for every Hoghead, and Quantity of an Hoghead of Tobacco, which hath been for and during the Time aforesaid, or which hereafter shall be at any Time shipped in any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province, or any the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks, or Places thereunto belonging, as aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said Duty and Imposition shall be, from time to time, paid and satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively, in which any such Tobacco shall be exported, upon his or their clearing or taking out his or their Dispatch or Dispatches for every such respective Ship or Vessel, and before the Departure of such Ship or Vessel coming into this Province; and shall, at their first Arrival here, and before their Loading on board any Goods or Commodities of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of this Province, give good and sufficient Security to his Excellency, or to the Officer thereunto especially appointed, for the Payment of the said Duty or Imposition accordingly.

PROVIDED always, and it is the true Intent and Meaning hereof, That this Act, nor any thing herein contained, shall be adjudged, construed, reputed or taken (any thing herein expressed to the contrary notwithstanding) to disannul or make void his Lordship's Right to the other Moiety of the said Two Shillings *per* Hoghead, to be paid in Consideration of his Rents and Alienation Money in Tobacco, at Two Pence *per* Pound, during the Term of his Natural Life; but that the same be kept, and hereby preserved to his Lordship in as full and ample Manner, as by the said Law is expressed or intended, or in the least to discharge his Lordship of receiving the Rents aforesaid, at Two Pence *per* Pound, as by the said Act is enjoined, during also the Term of his Natural Life; nor to discharge his Lordship from Accounting for the Arrears of the One Shilling *per* Hoghead, for Supporting the Government, and providing Arms and Ammunition; but that he be obliged to all the aforesaid Matters and Things as fully and strongly, as if the said Law were in full Force.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Master of a Ship or Vessel, as aforesaid, at the time of his Clearing, shall upon Oath declare the Quality and Quantity of his Loading; and that the Naval Officer, by the Governor aforesaid appointed for the time being, shall and is hereby empowered to administer the said Oath; and in case the said Master shall refuse the said Oath, or upon Suspicion of having Goods on board, for which he hath not cleared, it shall be lawful for the said Naval Officer to enter on board any such Ship or Vessel, and the same to search for any such Goods, as aforesaid; Any thing in this Act before mentioned notwithstanding.

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