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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the several Naval Officers, their sufficient Deputy or Deputies belonging to the respective Districts next adjoyning to the Towns and Ports of Annapolis and Williamstadt, shall constantly reside at the said Ports, for giving Dispatch to all Ships or Vessels trading or coming into those Ports.

AND it is hereby further Enacted and Declared by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the several and respective Naval Officers of this Province, within their several and respective Districts, for the several Acts and Things relating to their Office, by him or them hereby enjoyned to be done, shall have and receive the Fees hereafter mentioned, and no more, (that is to fay)

For Entring any Ship or Vessel coming and trading into this Province, being under the Burthen of One hundred Tuns, the Master thereof shall pay unto that respective Naval Officer, with whom he shall enter such Ship or Veifel, as a Fee for Entring thereof, the Sum of Five Shillings, and no more, and

Five Shillings more for the Clearing thereof; and

If such Ship or Vessel shall be above the Burthen of One hundred Tuns, the Master for Entry thereof shall pay to the said Naval Officer, as a Fee, Ten

Shillings, and Ten Shillings for the Clearing thereof.

And the said Naval Officers are hereby obliged to enter all Ships or Vessels of what Burthen soever of the Built of this Province, all whose Owners do actually inhabit and reside within this Province, and are purchased, held, and enjoyed by fuch Owners, for the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling, which is hereby allowed and ascertained him as a Fee therefore; and for the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence shall clear the fame.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all small Boats be longing to this Province, and being under Eighteen Foot by the Keel, shall pass and repass without any Lett, Hindrance, Molestation, or Seizure of the same (unless they shall carry and have on board them prohibited Goods, or Goods liaable to pay Custom to Her Majesty, not cocquetted, or Clearing for the same) without being obliged to take out Permits for such Passing or Repassing, as aforesaid: And that the Master of all Shallops or open Boats trading within this Province, do pay to the several Naval Officers, or their Deputy or Deputies appointed for granting of Permits, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence Yearly, and no more, for the granting such Permits, as aforesaid; and shall give good Security, to be taken by such Officers aforesaid, or their Deputy or Deputies, in Her Majesty's Name, that he or they shall and will duly obferve the Acts of Trade and Navigation, and other good Laws of this Province relating thereto.

AND be it further Enacted, That all and every Collector and Collectors of this Province shall have and receive such Fees for Entring and Clearing such Ships and Vessels aforesaid, as are above allowed to the Naval Officers, and no more; and that all Collectors and Naval Officers shall make a fair Table of their Fees, and hang it up in their Offices, under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds Sterling, to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be

allowed.

PROVIDED always, That in case any Person shall resuse to pay the same, fo by this Act limitted and allowed, it shall and may be lawful for the Chancellor, Secretary, Judge for Probat of Wills, &c. Surveyor General, or his Deputies, Sheriffs, Coroner, Clerk of the Council, Clerk of the Court of Appeals, the several Clerks of the County Courts, Cryer of the Provincial Court, and the several Criers of the County Courts, to recover the same by