

ed to the Provincial Court with such Writ, shall be as sufficient as if taken before the President of the County Court after the Return of the Writ, and Appearance entred, according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly for Taking Special Bail in the County; nor shall such Defendant be obliged to appear in proper Person, but by his Attorney, if he sees fit; Any thing in the said Act, or any Law, Statute, Use, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED always, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the Benefit or Advantage of any Persons that shall abscond or fly from Justice in the County where they live, but that such Persons may be arrested in any County wherever they be to be found.

THIS Act to endure from and after this Session of Assembly, for and during the End of Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly after the Three Years.

*Pass'd July 3d, 1714.*

*Revis'd May 30th, 1715.*

*An Act laying an Imposition of Three Pence per Hogshead on Tobacco, for Defraying the Publick Charge of this Province.* D. 52.

BE it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, a Duty or Imposition of Three Pence *Sterling* for every 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, by all Masters of Ships, and other Vessels trading into this Province, in Money *Sterling* of *Great Britain*, or by good and sufficient Bills of Exchange to be collected by the Naval Officers 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 Three Pence for every Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco, contained as aforesaid, shall be appropriated by the General Assembly of this Province towards the paying the Publick 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, begun and held at the