

rupt Merchant, his Factor or Factors, under the Credit of such Cargo or Cargoes of Goods imported, which are hereby supposed to be all such Debts as shall be contracted by such Bankrupt Merchant, his Factor or Factors after Importation of such Cargo or Cargoes.

An Act empowering the Commissioners of the County-Courts, to levy and raise Tobacco, to defray the necessary Charges of their Counties and Parishes.

BE it Enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and by the Authority of the same, That for the future, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the several and respective Commissioners of the several and respective County-Courts within this Province, at their several and respective County-Courts, to be held for their said Counties, upon Examination had before them, of the Publick Charges of their several and respective Counties, and Allowances by them made of the same, to levy and raise Tobacco for Payment and Satisfaction of the several and respective County Charges, and the Sheriff's Salary for collecting thereof, by an equal Assessment of the Taxable Persons of the said several Counties; any former Law, Act, Usage or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

By equal Assessments.

The Clerk to keep a fair Account thereof to be transmitted Yearly to the Governour and Council.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Clerk of each respective County within this Province, shall keep an Account of such Tobacco levied, and how disposed of, in a fair Book apart from other Matters; and a true Copy thereof, under the Hand of the respective County Clerk, and under the Seal of the said County, by the said County Clerks, be Yearly and every Year transmitted to the Governour and Council of this Province, before the Tenth of March next ensuing after the laying of the Levy, for their Inspection.

Penalty for neglecting it.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Clerk of any County-Court aforesaid, shall neglect to transmit a Copy of such Account, as aforesaid, before the Tenth Day of March, as aforesaid, Yearly and every Year, he shall forfeit and pay to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Heirs and Successors, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, one Half to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that will sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of this Province, wherein no Esloyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

And for Purchasing Register-Books, and for Repairing of Churches, it is prayed that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That when and as often as the Necessity of each respective Parish shall require Repairs or Supplies, the Vestry-Men and Church-Wardens