

of this present Act's taking Effect, it shall be entirely void, and be hereby Repealed.

The Three Pence per Hoghead to the Publick taken off.

And whereas, as it is considered by this present General Assembly, that the levying and imposing the Additional Duty of Six Pence per Hoghead 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 Hoghead, 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 :

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 Hoghead 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of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Twenty Second Day of June, 1713, shall and is hereby utterly Repealed and made Void.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 Hogheads of Tobacco as they had formerly paid Impost Money for, as aforesaid, free and clear of any of the said Impositions.

Liberty to Re-ship in case of Loss.

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 Salary or Salaries for the collecting all or any of the said Duties and Imposts herein before-mentioned to be raised, save only the Duty of Three Pence per Hoghead 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 to the Intentions of this Act, shall have and receive the Salary of Two and a Half per Cent, and no more ; and the said Money to be lodged in the Hands of such Merchant or Merchants in London, as the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly shall, from Time to Time, direct.

Naval Officers Salary for receiving the Duty.

Treasurers Duty and Salary.

Clerks to make true Lists of Alienations, and how.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several and respective Clerks of the Provincial and County-Courts within this Province, shall Yearly, and every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, Ex Officio, make out a true and fair List of all such Alienations as shall be Yearly recorded in the respective Courts, (That is to say) the Name of the Parties, Grantor and Grantee, the Dates of the Deeds, and Names of the Lands, with the Quantity thereof, ready to be delivered to the Agent of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, when required of such Clerks ; and in case the Clerk of the Provincial Court shall neglect to do what is required of him to be done