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hereby continued to the said *Second Tuesday of October*; any Thing in this, or any former Act for limiting the Continuance of Actions to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*An ACT relieving and freeing the Inhabitants of this Province and others, removing their Families from any other Countries or Colonies, to settle and inhabit within this Province, from paying the Duties and Impositions on Negroes, for any of their Domestick Slaves.*

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Acts,

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For Remedy,  
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mer Acts.

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Assembly made at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the *Twenty Sixth Day of April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifteen, Entituled, *An Act, laying an Imposition on Negroes, and on several Sorts of Liquors imported, and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province*, an Imposition was laid of *Twenty Shillings Sterling* for every Negro imported by Land or Water into this Province. And also by another Act of Assembly, made at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the *Twenty Eighth Day of May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fourteen, entituled, *An Act for laying an additional Duty of Twenty Shillings Current Money per Pole on all Irish Servants being Papists, to prevent the Growth of Popery by the Importation of too great a Number of them into this Province; and also the additional Duty of Twenty Shillings Current Money per Pole on all Negroes, for raising a Fund for the Use of the Publick Schools within the several Counties of this Province*, an Imposition was laid of *Twenty Shillings Current Money per Pole* on all Negroes imported into this Province.—But soasmuch as it has been represented to this General Assembly as an Aggrievance and Hardship, that any the Inhabitants within this Province, having Estates in any of the Neighbouring Colonies, cannot have the Liberty of removing their Negroes from their Plantations in any of the Neighbouring Colonies to work upon their Lands and Plantations in this Province, without paying the Impositions mentioned in the aforementioned Acts; and likewise that it very much tends to the Hindrance and preventing many considerable Families from coming and settling in this Province, that upon their coming they must be obliged to pay the Impositions as aforesaid, for all their Domestick Slaves: For Remedy whereof, it is prayed that it may be Enacted,

*And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Sessions of Assembly, no Person or Persons now inhabiting or that shall hereafter import themselves with their Families to settle and inhabit within this Province, and shall have Occasion to bring into or import with them any Negroe or Negroes, being their own proper and Domestick Slaves, and designed to be kept and employed by them in their own Service, shall be liable to pay the Imposition Money laid on all Negroes imported into this Province, by the aforementioned Acts; provided the Owners of such Negroes shall within two Days after the Importation of such Negroe or Negroes re-  
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