

Act for lay-
ing a Duty on
Furs and
Skins repealed.

Duty laid on
Pork, Pitch
and Tar, if
Imported by
Non Residents,

To be ap-
plied to the
Use of Free-
Schools,

Duties ra-
ted.

Such Com-
modities not
to be landed
without Entry,

And a War-
rant for the
same,
On Pain of
Forfeiture,

How such
Forfeitures to
be recovered
and apply'd.

at the City of Annapolis the Fifth Day of September Seventeen Hundred and Four, entituled, *An Act for laying an Imposition on several Commodities exported out of this Province*, as relates to the laying an Impost or Duty on Furs and Skins only, be and is hereby declared to be repealed.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the Publication hereof, no Person or Persons whatsoever, not being Inhabitants within this Province, shall import any Pork, Pitch, or Tar, into this Province, by Land or Water, from any other Colonies or Plantations, with Intent to sell or dispose thereof, but what the Importer or Importers shall pay unto His Lordship the Lord Proprietor of this Province, to be employed towards the maintaining a Free-School, or Schools, within this Province, by the Rector and Visitors of the Free-School, according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly begun and held at Annapolis, An. Dom. Sixteen Hundred Ninety Five, Entituled, *To the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Duties and Imposts following*, (That is to say,) For every Barrel of Pork the Sum of One Shilling per Barrel, or for every Hundred Weight thereof Six Pence. For Pitch One Shilling per Barrel. For Tar Six Pence per Barrel. Which said several Impositions shall be collected by the several and respective Naval Officers within this Province, who are hereby required annually to render an Account of the said Impositions to the publick Treasurers of the Province, for the Time being, who shall and are hereby authorized and empowered to receive the same, and render an Account thereof to the General Assembly of this Province, to the Uses, Intents and Purposes aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That no Pork, Pitch or Tar, upon which the Duties aforesaid are assess'd, shall be landed or put on Shoar out of any Vessel which shall import the same, or any other, without due Entry of the same, with the Officer thereby appointed (upon Oath or Test of the said Person or Persons importing of any of the aforesaid Commodities) for collecting the same, in the Port or Place where such Commodity shall happen to be imported as aforesaid, or before the Duty due and payable for the same, be satisfied, or secured to be satisfied, and a Warrant for the landing or vending thereof be Sign'd by the Officer for that Purpose appointed; upon Pain and Peril that all such Commodities landed, vended, or put on Shoar, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall be forfeited and lost, or the full Value thereof; the one Half to be appropriated to the Use of Publick Schools in the several Counties, the other Half to the Informer or him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

An ACT for the Advancement of Justice.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the several Laws heretofore made for the Advancement of Justice, Amendment of the Law, and aiding and supplying several Defects in Judicial Proceedings, great Delay, Trouble and Expences hath been and still is occasioned by Demurrers, arresting and reversing of Judgments,