

ALL Persons not Residents as above, shipping the said Commodities without Certificate, or shipping undried Beef or Pork, except in Barrel, shall forfeit and lose all their Meat so shipped; one half to the Use of Free Schools, and the other half to the Informer or Person who will sue for the same.

EVERY Master of a Ship or Vessel, who shall wittingly or knowingly take on Board any Beef, Pork or Bacon, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, being thereof legally convicted, shall forfeit the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds Tobacco*, to be applied as above.

No Person shall be deemed a Resident in the Province, but such as has a seated Plantation, of Fifty Acres of Land at least, where such Person with his Family, (if he has any) has resided one whole Year, before claiming the Benefit of a Resident, or has a Houle in some Port or Town, Forty foot in length, and Twenty foot in breadth, with Two Brick Chimneys, in which he has resided for the former Space of time, as above.

IT is Provided, that those trading directly from *England*, pay no Duties by this Act imposed.

Passed September 23^d, 1723. } An ACT for laying an Imposition
or Duty on Pork, Pitch and Tar.

NO Person or Persons whatsoever, not being Inhabitants within the Province, shall import any Pork, Pitch or Tar into the Province, by Land or Water, from any other Colonies or Plantations with intent to sell or dispose thereof, without paying for the same unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietor, towards the maintaining a Free School or Schools, the following Duties, viz. For every Barrel of Pork *One Shilling*, or *Six Pence* for every Hundred Weight thereof; for every Barrel of Pitch *One Shilling*; and for every Barrel of Tar *Six Pence*; all to be collected by the naval Officers, who are annually to render their Accounts thereof to the Publick Treasurer, to be accounted for by the Treasurer, to the General Assembly.

WHOEVER imports, shall upon Oath enter the above Commodities before landing, with the proper Officer, pay the above Duties, and have a proper Certificate of his so doing, upon pain of forfeiting and losing the said Commodities, to the Uses aforesaid; One half of them to fall to the Informer or the Person who will sue for the same.

N. B. THERE is an additional Duty on Pitch, Tar and Turpentine by the Act for raising *Forty Thousand Pounds* for His Majesty's Service past in the Year 1756.