

Informer or Suer for the same. And the Importer or Importers shall pay for every Negro imported, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings* Sterling per Poll, to the Uses aforesaid, on Penalty of *Five Pounds* Sterling for every Negro kept back or unaccounted for, to be applied as above.

THE Naval Officers shall give good Security to the Governor for the Time being, and take an Oath, that they shall well and faithfully gather the above Import, and a just and faithful Account thereof give twice a Year to the publick Treasurers of the Province; for which the Treasurers shall have for their Sallary *Five per Cent*, and no more, and the Treasurers shall give Bond to render an Account thereof to the Assembly that shall then next meet.

No Country built Vessel or Ship belonging to Owners Resident in the Province, or *English* or Plantation built, and bought by Owners Residenters in the Province, shall any ways be liable to pay the above Duty's: Provided the Servants or Negros are brought into the Capes of *Cheassapeak* Bay, or into the Inlets on the Sea bound Side of *Somerset* County, and not taken on board in the said Bay or any Creek or River thereto belonging, or from on board any other Ship or Vessel whatsoever within Ten Leagues of the Capes of the said Bay.

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**ACT for laying an Additional Duty of**  
*Passed May 8th, 1717.* } **Twenty Shillings current Money per**  
 } **Poll, on all Irish Servants being Papists**  
 } **and all Negros imported, for raising a**  
 } **Fund for the Use of publick Schools.**

**A**LL Masters of Ships and Vessels or others, importing *Irish* Servants being Papists by Land or by Water, shall at the Time of their Entry, pay unto the Naval Officer the additional Sum of *Twenty Shillings* current Money, over and above the *Twenty Shillings* Sterling per Poll, imposed by the above Act, for every *Irish* Servant so imported, on Penalty and Forfeiture of *Five Pounds* current Money for every Servant imported by them, concealed and not paid for; the one half of said Fine, to be appropriated towards the Defraying the publick Charge, and the other half to the Informer or Suer for the same.

THE Naval Officers for the Time being are impowered and required to administer to every such Servant, (except to Children under the Age of Fourteen Years, to be adjudged at the Discretion of the Naval Officer,) imported as above, the several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly, and cause them subscribe the Oath of Abjuration and Test, which if they refuse to do, they shall be deemed and declared Papists, for whom the Owner shall be obliged to pay the additional Duty.