

be, from Time to time, paid and satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively, in which any such Tobacco shall be reported, upon his or their clearing, or taking out his or their Dispatch or Dispatches, for every such respective Ship or Vessel, and before the Departure of such Ship or Vessel coming into this Province, shall at their first Arrival here, and before their loading on board, any Goods or Commodities of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of this Province, give good and sufficient Security to His Excellency, or to the Officer thereunto especially appointed, for the Payment of the said Duty or Imposition accordingly

Provided always and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act that this Act, nor any thing herein contained, shall be adjudged, construed, reputed or taken (anything herein expressed to the contrary notwithstanding) to disannul, or make void, His Lordships Right to the other Moiety of the said Two Shillings per Hoghead, to be paid in Consideration of His Bents and Alienation Money in Tobacco, at Two Pence per Pound, during the Term of His natural Life; (but that the same be kept and hereby preserved to his Lordship, in as full and ample Manner, as by the said Law is expressed or intended) or in the least to discharge his Lordship of receiving the Bents aforesaid, at Two Pence per Pound, as by the said Act is enjoyned, during also the Term of his natural Life; nor to discharge his Lordship from accounting for the Arrears of the One Shilling per Hoghead, for the supporting the Government, and providing Arms and Ammunition; but that he be obliged to all the aforesaid Matters and things, as fully and strongly, as if the said Law were in full force

And Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every Master of a Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, at the time of his Clearing, shall upon Oath, declare the Quality and Quantity of his Loading; and that the Naval Officer, by the Governor aforesaid appointed, for the Time being, shall, and is hereby empowered to administer the said Oath: And in case the said Master shall refuse the said Oath, or upon Suspicion of having Goods on board, for which he hath not cleared, it shall be lawful for the said Naval Officer, to enter on Board any such Ship or Vessel, and the same to search, for any such Goods as aforesaid; any thing in this Act before mentioned notwithstanding

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On the behalf of her  
Most Sacred Majesty  
Ann by the grace of God of England  
Scotland France Ireland, & the Dominions thereto  
belonging Queen Defender of the Faith, &c. I will this to be a Law

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Majesty's Honourable  
Council  
W. Bladen C<sup>o</sup>. Council

So. Seymour