necessarily follow from the said Officers respectively being ignorant of the same, and that the said Law might be more effectually executed to the Satisfaction, and Advantage of the Publick; I have with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, thought fit to issue this my Proclamation to publish and make known to all whom it may concern, that the several Clauses to this my Proclamation annexed, are true Copies of several Clauses of the Act of Assembly aforesaid: And I do hereby require all Persons concerned to take Notice thereof, and conform thereto accordingly.

Hert. Harpe

S. Ch. Council Cham. May 27. 1756.

Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, that from and after the twentieth Day of June, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, there shall be levied, raised, collected, and paid by way of Excise on all Rum, and other Spirits, already imported, or which shall hereafter be imported, or distilled, or extracted within this Province from Melasses, or any Grain or other Materials, not of the Growth of this Province which shall be retailed, or sold, in any Quantity under Fifty Gallons; and on all Wine (except Wine imported from great Britain) which shall be retailed, or sold in any Quantity under twenty five Gallons, or which, not being bought or sold by way of retail, shall be consumed; and on all Brandy or other Spirits, made, distilled, or drawn from any Grain or Fruit, of the Growth or Produce of this Province, and sold, or retailed the following Rates Duties, and Impositions, that is to say, for all Wine (except as before excepted) and also except Madeira Wine already imported) so retailed or consumed, six Pence ₩ Gallon; for all Rum and other Spirits already imported, or which hereafter shall be imported, or distilled, or extracted, within this Province from Melasses, or any Grain, or other Materials, not of the growth, or produce of this Province, so retailed, or consumed four Pence ₩ Gallon; for all Brandy, or other Spirits, made, distilled, or drawn from Grain or Fruit of the growth and produce of this Province, and sold by way of Retail two Pence ₩ Gallon; and for all Madeira Wine already imported, and on which a Duty of two Pence ₩ Gallon by a former Act of Assembly of this Province has already been paid, the sum of four Pence ₩ Gallon.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Sheriffs of the respective Counties within this Province for the time being, shall be Collectors of the Duty, by this Act imposed on Liquors, and shall be commissioned for that Purpose by the Governor, or Commander in chief for the time being: but before they enter on the Execution of their Offices aforesaid, they and each of them respectively shall give Bond, with two Sufficient Sureties, to the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, in the sum of four hundred Pounds current Money with the following Condition, that is to say: "The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound , whilst he shall be and continue in the Office "of Collector of the Excise in County, shall well, and faithfully exercise and