

An Act Laying an Impostion on Negro  
and on severall Sorts of Liquors Imported and  
also on Irish Servants to prevent the Import  
ing too great a Number of Irish Papists into  
this Province

Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent  
Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesties  
Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the  
Authority of the same that from and after the End of this  
present Session of Assembly the Importer or Importers  
of rum Spirits Wine and Brandy from Pennsylvania and  
the territories there to belonging by Land shall for every  
Gallon of the said Liquors so Imported into this Province  
pay unto the Kings Majesty his heirs and Successors  
for defraying the publick Charges of this Province to be  
Collected by the Navall Officer of Cecil County District  
for the time being or his Sufficient Deputy the Summe of nine pence  
in ready Currant money of this Province and shall bring the same  
Liquors into this Province to the place Commonly Called Bohemia  
Landing and to no other place or Landing till the duties thereof  
be paid under penalty of forfeiting to the Kings Majesty his  
heirs and Successors all such before mentioned Liquors which  
shall be brought to any other place Contrary to the Intent of this  
act or the Value thereof in ready money one moiety of the said  
forfeitures to the Kings Majesty his heirs and Successors for the  
Support of the government of this Province the other moiety to the  
Informer to be recovered in any Court of record in this Province by  
action of Debt bill plain or Information whorsen no Esjoyne  
Protection or wagar of Law to be allowed

And to the end that the said nine pence of Gallon may be exactly paid  
and Collected Be it Enacted by the Authority advice &  
Consent aforesaid that before the said Liquors shall be Water born  
in Chesapeake Bay the Importer or Importers shall make entry  
thereof upon oath with the Navall Officer of Cecil County district  
of the Number of Caskes and the Contents thereof which oath  
the said Navall Officer by vertue of this Act shall have Authority  
to administer and of the full Contents the said Navall Officer  
may abate twonty of Cent for Leakage and other Damage to be  
Sustained and no more. And be it further Enacted by the  
Authority