

aforsaid be paid to such officer or officers as his Lordship shall think fit to appoint to receive or collect the same by the master or masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively in which any such Tobacco shall be Laded on or after the said Twenty Ninth day of September next during the Continuance of this act 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 and the master or masters of every 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 for the payment thereof as is herein before directed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Act of Assembly of this province Intituled an act for ascertaining the Gauge and tare of tobacco Hoggheads and to prevent Cropping Cutting & Defacing tobacco taken on board ships or Vessels upon Freight and for Laying Impositions on tobacco of the Hogghead for the Support of government and for the Encouraging Settlements in this province by ascertaining the manner of Laying the Alienation fines and Duties to the Lord Proprietarie of this province on the Conditions therein mentioned made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the port of Annapolis the twenty sixth day of April Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and fifteen be and whereby revived and continued in full force until the twenty ninth day of September next and no longer.

And whereas it is considered by this present Generall Assembly that the Laying and imposing the additional duty of Six pence per Hogghead for his Lordship in full discharge of the Duties and fines for Alienations as aforesaid will advance the whole duty at present on tobacco Exported out of this province to the sume of three shillings and nine Sterling per Hogghead which will be so great a burthen on the tobacco trade that this Generall Assembly think it their duty and Absolute necessity to ease it as far as in them lies. Be it therefore Enacted by the authority aforesaid and Consent aforesaid that an Act of Assembly of this province Intituled an Act Laying an Imposition of three pence per Hogghead on tobacco for defraying the publick Charge of this province made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the second day of June Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred