

An Act for laying an additional Duty of  
 twenty shillings Currant money of poll on all  
 Irish Servants being Papists to prevent the Growth of  
 Popery by the Ingregation of too great Number of them into  
 this province and also the Additionall duty of twenty shill  
 Curr<sup>t</sup> money of poll on all Negroes for raising a fund for the  
 use of Publick schools within the severall Counties of this Province.

Be it Enacted by the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietor by and the Advice &  
 Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and Lower Houses of Assembly  
 and the authority of the Same that from & after the End of twelve months after  
 the End of this Generall Assembly all masters of ships and Vessels or others Impor  
 ting Irish Servants being Papists into this province by Land or by Water at any time  
 of their Entry shall pay unto the Navall Officer for the time being belonging to  
 such port or place where they make their Entry the Additionall Summe of twen  
 ty shillings Currant money over and above the twenty Shillings Sterling of  
 poll Imposed by a former Act of this province for Every Irish Servant so Im  
 ported on penalty and for failure of five pounds Currant money for Every  
 Servant that shall be by him or them concealed at any time of his or their  
 Entry as afo<sup>r</sup> the one halfe thereof to be appropriated for defraying the  
 publick Charge of this province the other halfe to y<sup>e</sup> Informer or to him or  
 them that shall sue for y<sup>e</sup> same to be recovered in his Lordships Name in  
 any Court of record within this province that shall have Jurisdiction of  
 y<sup>e</sup> same by Action of Debt bill plaint or Information wherein use of  
 any protection or wager of Law to be allowed - And for the better dis  
 covery of such Irish Papists Be it further Enacted by the Autho  
 rity Advice and Consent afo<sup>r</sup> that y<sup>e</sup> Navall Officers for the time being belonging  
 to the severall and respective districts within this province be and are  
 hereby authorized Impowered and required to Administer to Every such  
 Irish Servant) Except Children under y<sup>e</sup> age of fourteen years to be ad judged  
 at y<sup>e</sup> discretion of y<sup>e</sup> Navall Officer so Imported as afo<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> severall oaths  
 appointed by Act of Assembly and Cause them to subscribe the oath of Abji  
 nation and the test and alle<sup>y</sup> Every such Servants that shall refuse to take  
 the oaths and Signe the oath and test as afo<sup>r</sup> (Except before Excepted) shall be  
 and are hereby deemed and Declared Papists for whom the owner or Import  
 er shall be obliged to pay the Additionall duty as afo<sup>r</sup>. And Be it further  
 Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent afo<sup>r</sup> that from and after y<sup>e</sup>  
 first of June