

Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, be it in Chest or Case, which shall be exported out of this Province, from and after the Twenty Ninth Day of *September* next, by the several Masters of Ships, or other Vessels, exporting the same, in Bills of Exchange, for and during the Space of Thirty One Years, next ensuing the said Twenty Ninth Day of *September*: For the Payment whereof, the several Naval Officers shall be obliged to take good and sufficient Security, from all Persons exporting any Tobacco out of this Province, as in Case of any other Duty now payable; for which Duty, the Naval Officers, and their Sureties, already given or to be given, shall be answerable and chargeable; for which the said Naval Officers shall be allowed the usual Salary or Commission as they have, and by Law are allowed, for collecting other Duties; to be paid them in Bills of Credit, with the usual Difference between *Sterling* and Currency, of Thirty Three Pounds, Six Shillings, and Eight Pence, *per Cent.* which the said Naval Officers are hereby impowered to retain in their Hands, out of any other Duty which they shall receive in current Money, or Bills of Credit; and which shall be allowed them in their Accounts.

*PROVIDED* always, That in Case any Tobacco, for which the said Duty shall be paid, shall be lost in the Exportation thereof, from this Province; that then, and in every such Case, the Proprietor or Person who shall have paid the aforesaid Duty for such Tobacco, shall and may export the like Quantity, Duty free; to be allowed by the Naval Officer who shall receive the Duty.

*AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Bills of Exchange to be received for the said Duty of One Shilling and Three Pence per Hogshead, or Case, or Chest, shall be remitted to the Persons hereafter nominated and appointed; to be by them negotiated and disposed of, according to the Directions of this Act.

*AND* be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Duty of One Shilling and Three Pence per Hogshead, so to be collected and levied, as aforesaid, by the several Naval Officers, shall be, with all possible Speed, after Receipt thereof, remitted to Mr. *Samuel Hyde*, Mr. *William Hunt*, and Mr. *Robert Cruickshank*, Merchants in *London*, or any Two of them, or other Persons, or the Majority of them, who shall be intrusted and appointed Trustees in *London*, according to the Directions of this Act, for receiving and laying out the same, in such Manner, and for such Uses, Intents, and Purposes, as are herein after-mentioned and declared; and the said Naval Officers are hereby directed and enjoined, to produce and lay before the General Assembly of this Province, Yearly, and every Year, Accounts of their Receipts of the said Duty, and in what Manner they shall have remitted the same to *London*; which Accounts shall not be received, unless respectively proved upon Oath, to be just and true.

*AND* be it further Enacted, That the said *Samuel Hyde*, *William Hunt*, and *Robert Cruickshank*, the Trustees herein before-mentioned, or any Two of them, or any other Trustees, for the Time being, who shall be appointed by Virtue of this Act, or any Two of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to lay out the Moneys so to them