

An ACT for the Indemnity of such Persons as shall be Employed in Transporting his Majesty's Troops to be Raised in this Province to the general Rendezvous in the *West-Indies*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by an Act of Assembly made this Session, entitled, *An Act for Raising and Issuing Money for Maintaining his Majesty's Forces and Transporting them to the Place of Rendezvous in the West-Indies*, certain Persons are appointed to provide Victuals and other Necessaries for such Troops as should be raised in this Province for his Majesty's Service in the intended Expedition to the *West-Indies*, and to Hire Transports for carrying such Troops to the Place of general Rendezvous there.

And whereas the Masters of such Ships or Vessels, or other Persons as shall be employed for Transporting of those Troops, might possibly apprehend themselves in Danger of incurring the Penalties of an Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act Prohibiting all Masters of Ships or Vessels, or any other Persons from Transporting or Conveying away any Person or Persons out of this Province without Passes*, for Transporting or Carrying such Troops out of this Province, whereby it may prove difficult to procure Vessels for that Purpose: For Remedy whereof,

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same, That no Master or Masters of Ships or other Vessels, or other Person or Persons, whatsoever, shall be subject or liable to any Action or Penalty whatsoever by Virtue of the last recited Act for Transporting or Carrying out of this Province by Land or Water, any Person or Persons whatsoever, such Person or Persons being first duly enlisted in his Majesty's Service, for the Expedition aforesaid, by any Officer or Officers lawfully Authorized for that Purpose, by Commission from his Majesty, any thing in the same last mentioned Act to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Masters of Vessels indemnified in carrying off the Soldiers enlisted to serve in the Expedition.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Creditor or Creditors within this Province, shall Sue or Implead any such Master or other Person for Transporting any Person or Persons aforesaid, enlisted as aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for such Master or other Person to Plead the General Issue, and give this Act in Evidence, and that in case of a Discontinuance or Non-suit, the Defendant shall recover his Cost; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.