

## Acts of Assembly passed in May, 1756.

required; and shall and are hereby obliged and directed to receive and take for each Seal and Certificate the aforesaid Sum of Six Pence, in Bills of Credit, to and for the Uses in this Act mentioned.

Bonds, &c. not  
pleadable except  
they are stamp'd

**XCII. AND be it further Enacted,** That all and every Charter-Party, Bill, Bond, or other obligatory Instrument, under the Seal of the Party, and all and every Protest or other notorial Act, and Letter of Attorney, which shall, after the twentieth Day of *June* next, be made in this Province, and shall be wrote on any Parchment or Paper, which, at the Time of the making and executing thereof, shall not be stamped and certified in Manner aforesaid, by some County Clerk in this Province, shall be utterly void, and of no Effect, and shall not be pleadable or admitted in Evidence in any Court in this Province, or before any Magistrate; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Clerks not to  
issue Writs, or  
make Records,  
unless seal'd.

**XCIII. AND be it further Enacted,** That all and every the several and respective Clerks of the several and respective Courts aforesaid, for the Time being, during the Continuance of this Act, who shall deliver out of his or their Office or Offices any of the Writs aforesaid, or record any Indenture, Conveyance, Lease, or Deed-Poll, before the Duty aforesaid thereon hath been paid, such Clerk or Clerks shall be liable to, and obliged to pay all such Duties, which he or they hath or have so neglected to receive.

Clerks to deliver  
Accounts, twice  
a Year, upon  
Oath, into the  
Loan-Office.

**XCIV. AND be it further Enacted,** That the several and respective Clerks of the several and respective Courts aforesaid, for the Time being, shall, and are hereby obliged and required twice in each Year, during the Continuance of this Act, to make out upon Oath true and distinct Accounts of all the Moneys he shall receive by Virtue of this Act, and the same Accounts, so made out, shall return under their Hands to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, for the Time being, on the twenty-fifth Day of *July* and the twenty-fifth Day of *February*, in each Year; and shall account with and pay unto the said Commissioners of the Loan-Office, from Time to Time, all such Sums of Money which they shall respectively receive by Virtue of this Act, retaining to his and their own Use a Commission of Two Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum*, and no more, which shall be in full for all the Services aforesaid. And the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, for the Time being, shall, and are hereby directed and required to keep separate and distinct Accounts of all such Sums of Money, which they, from Time to Time, shall receive by Virtue of this Act.

Their Allow-  
ance.

Their Securities  
answerable.

**XCIV. AND be it further Enacted,** That the Office-Bonds of the several and respective County Clerks, and their Securities in such Bonds, shall be answerable for, and put in Suit for any Breaches of their Duty committed against this Act.

Some Clauses in  
a former Act  
continued.

**XCVI. AND be it further Enacted,** That the several Clauses mentioned and contained in an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the seventeenth Day of *July*, One thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, relating to the several Duties, Licence-Money, Fines and Forfeitures, therein mentioned, and the Records thereof, except the Parts thereof relating to the Duty on Servants imported for the Term of seven Years or upwards, and also except such Part or Parts thereof as are by this Act repealed, and also the several Parts of the Acts of Assembly in the said Act mentioned to be continued, shall be, and are hereby declared to continue and be in full Force, from and after the several Purposes in the said Act, and the Acts therein mentioned, are fully answered, compleated, and fulfilled, until the aforesaid Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds shall be thereby, and by the several Ways and Means in this Act directed, repaid and replaced in the said Office, and until the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall thereafter happen.

Additional Duty  
on Negroes im-  
ported.

**XCVII. AND be it further Enacted,** That for each and every Negro imported, or brought into this Province by Land or Water, the Importer or Importers, and Persons bringing in such Negro or Negroes, shall pay unto the Naval Officer, for the Time being, belonging to the Port or Place where they make their Entry, or where such Negro or Negroes shall be brought, the Sum of Twenty Shillings Current Money, over and above the Duties and Impositions already directed and appointed to be paid by any former Act or Acts of Assembly of this Province. *Provided always,* That if any Importer of any Negro or Negroes into this Province, after the End of this Session of Assembly, and within three Months after such Importation or bringing in, shall export any of the said Negroes by him imported or brought in, it shall and may be lawful for such Importer to receive from the Naval-Officer, and the said Naval-Officer is hereby required to pay, by Way of Debenture or Draw-back, the Sum of Fifteen Shillings Current Money for every Negro so exported, and for which the Duty aforesaid by this Act is laid and imposed.

Drawback in  
Case of Expor-  
tation again.

Duty on Pitch,  
Tar, and Tur-  
pentine.

**XCVIII. AND be it further Enacted,** That every Master of a Ship or other Vessel, or other Person, who shall import or bring into this Province any Pitch, Tar, or Turpentine, shall make Entry thereof upon Oath with the Naval-Officer, or his Deputy, of the Port or Place where they shall make their Entry, or where they shall bring any Pitch, Turpentine, or Tar, and the Number of Barrels so by them imported or brought into this Province (which Oath the said Naval-Officer or his Deputy are hereby required and empowered to administer), and shall, at the Time of making their Entry as aforesaid, pay unto the said Naval-Officer, or his Deputy, the several and respective Duties and Sums of Money following, that is to say, For every Barrel of Pitch or Turpentine, so by them imported or brought into this Province, the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence Current Money; and for every Barrel of Tar, so by them imported or brought into this Province, the Sum of One Shilling Current Money; and when fair Entries thereof are made, and the Duties are paid as aforesaid, then the Naval-Officer aforesaid, or his Deputy, shall give to the Person or Persons importing or bringing in the same, or the Owners thereof, a Permit, in Writing, under his Hand, to carry the same to any River, Harbour, or Place, within this Province, there to make Sale or otherwise to dispose thereof. And in Case any Person or Persons importing or bringing into this Province any Pitch, Tar, or Turpentine, shall put the same on Shore, or any Part thereof, out of any Ship or other Vessel, or shall expose or offer to Sale, or otherwise use or dispose thereof, before due Entry thereof hath been made upon Oath as aforesaid, and the Duties aforesaid paid and satisfied, and a Permit