

CHAP. VII. End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

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An ACT for imposing a further additional Duty of Five Pounds current Money per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province.

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

After the last Day of Oct. next, 5 l. current Money, additional Duty, to be paid on all Negroes im-

Penalty.

This Duty to be collected and paid by the Naval-Officers as other Duties on Negroes heretofore imposed.

Proviso.

Continuance.

from and after the last Day of October next, all Masters of Ships and other Vessels, and all other Persons importing or bringing Negroes into this Province, by Land or Water, shall, at the Time of making their Entry, or bringing in the same, pay unto the Naval-Officer of the Port or Place where they shall make their Entry, or bring in such Negroes, the Sum of Five Pounds current Money, over and above what by the Laws of this Province, now in Force, is to be paid for every Negro so imported or brought in, on Penalty and Forfeiture of Twenty Pounds current Money for every Negro so imported or brought in, and not paid for as aforesaid, to be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Case, with full Costs, in any Court of Record within this Province, having Cognizance of the same, One Half thereof to be applied to the Use of him, her or them that shall sue for the same, the other Half to be applied to the Use of the County Schools within this Province, which said Duty shall be collected, accounted for, and paid by the several Naval-Officers, in the same Manner as the Duties on Negroes heretofore imposed by the Laws of this Province are directed to be collected, accounted for, and paid, and under the like Penalties, to be recovered and applied in like Manner as in the said Laws is mentioned, and shall be applied to the Use of the County Schools in like Manner as the Duties on Negroes are by former Laws of this Province directed to be applied thereto. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall hinder any Person or Persons, who shall remove from any other of his Majesty's Dominions, in order to settle and reside within this Province, from bringing with him, her or them, such Negroes as he, she or they, shall be possessed of, for carrying on his, her or their proper Occupation at the Time of such Removal, but that such Negroes may be imported Duty free, any Thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided also, That if any Importer or Bringer in of any such Negroes as aforesaid, shall desire to export them, or any of them, within Four Months from the Time of their Importation, and shall make Report thereof to the Naval-Officer with whom they were first entered, and shall export all, or any of them, it shall and may be lawful for such Naval-Officer to repay the aforesaid Duty to such Importer or Bringer-in, for such Negroes, in Proportion to the Number that shall be so exported.

IN This Act to continue and be in Force for and during the Term of Seven Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the said Seven Years.