

And be it further Enacted, That the several and respective Sheriffs within this Province, for the Receiving and Payment of the several and respective Fines, Duties, and Forfeitures, in this Act mentioned; and paying the same unto the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, shall have the Sum of Five Pounds for every Hundred Pounds by them so received and paid as herein directed.

And Whereas, from his Majesty's great Goodness and paternal Care over all his People, we humbly presume it will not be disagreeable to his Royal Pleasure, in order to enable us his most loyal, true, and dutiful Subjects, at all Times, by an Agent in London, to approach his most sacred Person on all urgent and proper Occasions; That we raise and levy on ourselves a Sum sufficient for the Support of an Agent there for such Purposes: It is therefore prayed that it may be Enacted,

And be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That there shall be levied a Duty or Impost of Two Pence Sterling, for every Hoghead of Tobacco which shall be exported in any Ship or Vessel out of this Province, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, for and during the Continuance of this Act, to be collected and received by the several and respective Naval Officers in this Province, in the same Manner as other Duties on Tobacco have heretofore been, or are now received and collected; and from time to time by the said Naval Officers shall be paid, in good Bills of Exchange, to Col. Edward Sprigg, and by him transmitted to James Buchanan, Merchant in London, to be placed to the Credit of an Account by him to be stated and kept for the House of Delegates of Maryland; which Money by him so received shall be applied according to the Directions of the said House of Delegates, for the Payment of an Agent there, and defraying other incident Charges attending the Service of this Province.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That every Merchant, Factor, Master, or Commander, of any Ship or Vessel exporting Tobacco out of this Province, shall, before his or their Clearing such Ship or Vessel, or taking his or their Dispatch or Dispatches for the same, pay unto such Naval Officer or Officers with whom he or they shall Clear and take such their Dispatch or Dispatches, the Sum of Two Pence Sterling for every Hoghead of Tobacco, or Quantity of an Hoghead, on board his or their Ship or other Vessel, or give good and sufficient Bills of Exchange for the same, drawn on some Merchant in Great-Britain.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Col. Edward Sprigg, and he is hereby enabled to receive the said Bills of Exchange from the several and respective Naval Officers, and transmit them to James Buchanan, Merchant in London, and the Money on them due, when received by him, shall be placed to the Credit of the House of Delegates of Maryland; to be retained in his Hands for the Use of Uses as aforesaid, subject only to be paid according to the Order or Orders of the House of Delegates of Maryland; which said Order or Orders shall be placed to the Debt of the Account aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, That the said James Buchanan shall and may, and is hereby empowered to dispose of the Money arising by and from such Duty or Impost aforesaid, according to the Directions and order of the House of Delegates as aforesaid only.

And be it further Enacted, That in case any of the Bills of Exchange, to be paid by the said Naval Officers for the Duty and Impost as aforesaid, shall be protested for want of Payment, That then the said James Buchanan shall, and he is hereby enabled to return the same under Protest unto the said Col. Edward Sprigg, and such Naval Officer or Officers are hereby required and directed to pay unto the said Col. Edward Sprigg good and sufficient Bills of Exchange, in lieu of and for such Bills so protested; with the Damages allowed by Law, to be by the said Col. Edward Sprigg transmitted to the said James Buchanan, for the Use aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That for receiving and paying the Duty and Impost aforesaid, the said Naval Officers shall be allowed the Sum of Eight Pounds per Hundred for every Hundred Pounds so to be collected and paid, and so pro rata for a greater or less Sum; and they are hereby obliged and required to return an Account of their Transactions in Relation to said Duty, on Oath, to the House of Delegates, when the said House shall meet, at any Time during the Continuance of this Act, and a final Account to the first House of Delegates that shall meet after the Expiration thereof.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the said Col. Edward Sprigg shall enter into Bond with two good Sureties in the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds Sterling, to render a just and true Account to the House of Delegates of Maryland, of what Moneys he shall receive by Virtue of this Act, and how the same hath been applied; which Bond he shall enter into before some one of his Lordship's Justices of the Provincial Court, who is hereby empowered to take the same, payable to the Lord Proprietary, for the Use of the House of Delegates of the Province of Maryland, and such Bond return into the Secretary's Office, there to be kept.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Col. Edward Sprigg shall receive the Sum of Five Pounds per Hundred, for receiving, remitting, and paying the Moneys arising for the aforesaid Impost or Duty, according to the Directions of this Act, and so pro rata for a larger or lesser Sum.

And be it further Enacted, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, in case of Shipwreck or other Loss of any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, so that the Tobacco therein laden be lost before the Delivery of each Ship or Vessel at the intended Port, that then the Master, Merchant, or Owner, of such Tobacco so laden and lost as aforesaid, who shall have paid the Duties aforesaid, shall have the Liberty to ship at some other Time, so many Hogheads of Tobacco as they had formerly paid Impost-Money for, as aforesaid, free and clear of any of the said Impositions.

Provided, That in case of the Death or Removal out of this Province of the said Col. Edward Sprigg, that then and in such case the said Sum of Two Pence Sterling per Hoghead shall be by the said Naval Officers paid to Philip Hammond, Esq; for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid; who shall, and he is hereby directed to give the like Security, and in like Manner, as by this Act the said Col. Edward Sprigg is directed to give; and that he the said Philip Hammond retain the like Commission, and transmit the said Duty, as herein before is directed, to and for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid.

Provided always, That in case of the Death of the said James Buchanan, that then and in such Case the said Col. Edward Sprigg, or Philip Hammond, Esq; or which of them shall at such Time negotiate the Matters in this Act by them, or either of them, to be negotiated, shall transmit such Bills of Exchange to Mr. William Hunt, Merchant in London; and likewise order whatever Ballance shall remain in the Hands of the said James Buchanan, his Executors or Administrators, into the Hands of him the said William Hunt, who is hereby empowered to transact, pay, and apply the same, in the same Manner as he the said James Buchanan is herein before directed.