

Lib. L. L.  
No. 1.An Act for the Imposition of four pence  
per Gallon on Liquors imported into this Province

Forasmuch as great charges and Expences to this Province have accrued in paying of Soldiers in discharging the Arrears of the late Government and the great necessity of repairing Court Houses and Prisons and also for raising a better allowance for paying the charges of their Majesties Councillors and Justices of the Provinciaall Court and for paying an agent of this Province in England, and for that this Generall Assembly have taken into their serious Considerations by what means the said Publick charge and Expence may be defrayed and discharged without leaving the same upon the Inhabitants thereof which would be too great a burthen at this time to undergoe. It is by the Generall Assembly thought no greater Expedient can be found then by assessing an Impost upon Liquors of four pence p Gallon upon all such Liquors as shall be Imported into this Province Liquors from England only Excepted We your Majesties most humble and Loyall Subjects the Deligates and Burgesses of this present Generall Assembly humbly pray that it may be Enacted And be it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same, that from and after the Publication hereof, all Masters of ships and other Vessells importing Liquors into this Province with intent to vend and dispose of the same Pay unto their Majesties the sum of four pence p Gallon for every Gallon of Liquor Imported into this Province to the intent to vend and dispose thereof, the same to be Collected by their Majesties Receiver Generall of this Province, who shall give good security in their Majesties names to be accountable to the Assembly and pay the same annually for the Space of three years to the uses aforesaid or any or so many of them as the said Generall Assembly of this Province shall think fitt to Order and direct for the Ends and purposes aforesaid And be it further Enacted that every Master at the time of Entring such ships or other Vessells afore<sup>d</sup> shall render upon Oath an Account of the quantity & quality of such Liquors so Imported to be vended or sold as aforesaid, and that the severall and respective Navall Officers within this Province for the time being shall at the time of Entring such ship or Vessell as aforesaid, give good Sufficient Security in their Majesties names for the payment of the Imposition aforesaid to the Receiver Generall aforesaid

June 8<sup>th</sup> 1692

Assented to by the Councill Board

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>

John Llewelin Clk.

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The house of Assembly

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Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>

Hen: Denton Clk.