

which the Duties aforesaid are assessed, shall be Landed or put on Shore out of any Vessel which shall import the same, or any other, without due Entry of the same with the Officer thereby appointed (upon Oath or Test of the said Person or Persons importing of any of the aforesaid Commodities) for collecting the same, in the Port or Place where such Commodity shall happen to be imported as aforesaid, or before the Duty due and payable for the same be satisfied, or secured to be satisfied and a Warrant for the landing or vending thereof be signed by the Officer for that Purpose appointed; upon Pain and Peril that all such Commodities lauded, vended or put on Shore, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall be forfeited and lost, or the full Value thereof, the one Half to be appropriated towards the Use of Public Schools in the Several Counties, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

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An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings, and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves. Chap. XV

Whereas this present Sessions of Assembly have had under their Consideration, the evil Consequences that do and may attend the Suffering of Negro and other Slaves, to meet in great Numbers on Sabbath and other Holy-Days, and keeping of Horses, Cattle or Hogs of their own.

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, 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 the Justices of the several and respective County Courts within this Province, be, and they are hereby empowered and required, immediately after the Publication of this Act, and so yearly in November Court, to appoint the Constable of every hundred, where the said Justices, at their Discretion, shall think proper and expedient, to suppress the Assembling and tumultuous Meeting of Negroes and other Slaves; and that every Constable so to be appointed, shall be obliged to repair once a Month, to all suspected Places within his Hundred; and if at any such Place he shall find any Negroes or other Slaves, belonging to the Owner of such Place, not having a Licence under their Owner or Overseer's Hand, that it shall and may be lawful for the Constable, and he is by this Act required, to whip every such Negro on the bare Back, at his Discretion, not exceeding Thirty-nine Stripes.

III. And to the End that every Constable may be enabled to put this Act in due Execution; Be it Enacted, That it may