

Term therein proposed, and for taking off the Three Pence per Hogshead formerly raised for defraying the Publick Charge, made at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the Port of Annapolis the Seventeenth Day of July, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Sixteen, be and remain in full Force and Virtue, until this present Act takes Place: And that from and after the Time of of this present Act's taking Effect, it shall be entirely void, and be hereby Repealed. Session
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And whereas, as it is considered by this present General Assembly that the levying and imposing the Additional Duty of Six Pence per Hogshead for his Lordship's full Discharge of the Quit-Rents and Fines for Alienations, as aforesaid, will advance the whole Duty at present on Tobacco exported out of this Province, to the Sum of Three Shillings and Nine Pence Sterling per Hogshead, which will be so great a Burthen on the Tobacco Trade, that this General Assembly think it their Duty, and absolutely necessary to ease it, as far as in them lies:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled; An Act laying an Imposition of Three Pence per Hogshead on Tobacco, for defraying the Publick Charge of this Province, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Twenty Second Day of June, 1713, shall and is hereby utterly Repealed and made Void. Provided also, That from and after this present Session of Assembly, in case of Ship-Wreck, or other Loss of any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, so that the Tobaccos therein loaden, be lost before the Delivery of each Ship or Vessel at the intended Port, then the Master, Merchant or Owner of such Tobacco, so loaden and lost, as aforesaid, who shall have paid the Duties aforesaid, shall have the Liberty to Ship, at some other Time, so many Hogsheads of Tobacco as they had formerly paid Impost Money for, as aforesaid, free and clear of any of the said Impositions.

And be it further Enacted and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Publick of this Province shall not be burthened or charged with any Salary or Salaries for the collecting all or any of the said Duties and Imposts herein before-mentioned to be raised, save only the Duty of Three Pence per Hogshead on Tobacco exported, by this Act appropriated to the purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province, which shall and is hereby intended to be received by the several Naval Officers of the respective Ports where the same shall arise, for which Receiving, they shall be allowed after the Rate of Eight per Cent. and be and are hereby obliged to account therefore unto the Publick Treasurers of this Province, who shall render Account thereof to the General Assembly, when thereto