

Time thereafter shipped in any Ship or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province, on Condition that his said Lordship should receive his Rents and Fines for Alienation of Lands, in good, sound, merchantable Tobacco, when tendered, at the Rate of Two-pence per Pound for one Moiety of the said Imposition; the other Moiety, by the said Act raised, to be employed towards maintaining a constant Magazine, and defraying other public and necessary Charges of the Government.

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And whereas former Assemblies, upon strict Enquiry made into the Premises, did find his said Lordship had not only been very deficient, and at small Charge and Expence in maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid, but that this Province hath been obliged to defray all public Charges, arising for the Support of Government, by Way of an equal Assessment upon the Inhabitants thereof; the several Provisoos in the afore-recited Act, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And whereas also his said Lordship the aforesaid Moiety of Two Shillings per Hogshead, under Pretext of maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid (until Time of their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary taking this Province under their immediate Protection), did convert to his own Use, to the Impoverishing of the Country, and Defraud of the Public; and being incapacitated of complying with what by the said Act, for the said Moiety of Two Shillings per Hogshead, is required:

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Be it therefore Enacted, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the said One Shilling per Hogshead for defraying the Charges of Government aforesaid, as well for such Ships or Vessels as have already cleared before the making of this Act, as for such remaining in this Province, be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto our Sovereign Lady the Queen's most excellent Majesty, her Heirs, and Successors, for the Support of her Government for the Time being, in and over this her Majesty's Province aforesaid, and the Territories to the same belonging, for every Hogshead and Quantity of an Hogshead of Tobacco, which have been for and during the Time aforesaid, or which hereafter shall be at any Time shipped in any Ship or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province, or any the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks, or Places, thereunto belonging, as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said Duty and Imposition shall be from Time to Time paid and satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively, in which any such Tobacco shall be exported, upon his or their Clearing, or taking out his or their Dispatch or Dispatches, for every such respective Ship or Vessel, and before the Departure of such Ship or Vessel com-