

An Act for laying an Imposition of three pence per Hogshead on Tobacco for defraying the publiq Charge of the province. Lib. L. L.
No. 64.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that from and after the end of this Sessions of Assembly A Duty or Imposition of three pence for every Hogshead of Tobacco and the like duty of three pence for every ffive hundred pounds of Tobacco Containd in Chest box or Case on all Tobacco that shall be exported out of this province by Land or Water be rais'd Levyed and paid to her Majesty towards the defraying the Publiq Charge of this Province by all Masters of Shipps or other Vessells Trading into this province in ready Mony and to be Collected by the Navall Officer of the Port or District where such Ships or Vessells shall Clear. P. 154

And the said Navall Officers are directed and required by this Act to receive the Same in ready Mony accordingly and the said Officers shall account and pay for the said Imposition of three pence per hogshead And the three pence for every five hundred pounds of Tobacco contain'd as above in ready money to the Treasurers of this province who are hereby required to render account thereof and pay the same in ready Mony to the Generall Assembly.

And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that the said Imposition of three pence per Hogshead and the three pence for every five hundred pounds of Tobacco contain'd as abovesd shall be appropriated by the Generall Assembly of this Province towards the paying of the publiq Charge thereof And to no other use whatsoever

And be it further enacted and declar'd by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid That if any Tobacco should by any Casual Means be lost after the Imposition paid That then and in all such Cases the Owner or ffreighter of all such Tobacco shall have free liberty to freight and shipp off the like Quantity again without paying the said Imposition.

This Act to Continue for three years or to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly which shall first happen after the said three Years.

September 29th 1704

Read and assented to by the
house of Delegates.

W Taylard Cłk hD.

September 29th 1704

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Majestys hon^{ble} Councill

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