

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by Lib. M.  
and with the Advice, and Consent aforesaid, that the said Duty  
and Imposition, shall be, from Time to time, paid and satisfied P. 72  
by the Master or Masters of Every such Ship or Vessel re-  
spectively, in which any such Tobacco shall be reported, 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 coming into this  
Province, shall at their first Arrival here, and before their load-  
ing on board, any Goods or Commodities of the Growth,  
Production, or Manufacture of this Province, give good and  
sufficient security to His Excellency, or to the Officer there-  
unto especially appointed, for the Payment of the said Duty  
or Imposition accordingly

Provided always and it is the true Intent and Meaning that  
this Act, nor anything herein contained, shall be adjudged,  
construed, reputed or taken (anything herein expressed to the  
Contrary notwithstanding) to disannul, or make void; His  
Lordships Right to the other Moiety of the said Two Shillings  
per Hogshead, to be paid in Consideration of His Rents and  
Alienation Money in Tobacco, at Two Pence per Pound, dur-  
ing the Term of His natural Life; (but that the same be kept  
and hereby preserved to his Lordship, in as full and ample  
Manner, as by the said Law is expressed or intended) or in  
the least to discharge his Lordship of receiving the Rents  
aforesaid, at Two Pence per Pound, as by the said Act is en-  
joyned, during also the Term of his natural Life; nor to dis-  
charge his Lordship from accounting for the Arrears of the  
One Shilling per Hogshead, for the supporting the Govern-  
ment, and providing Arms and Ammunition; but that he be  
obliged to all the aforesaid Matters and things, as fully and  
strongly, as if the said Law were in full force

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that  
Every Master of a Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, at the time of  
his Clearing, shall upon Oath, declare the Quality and Quan-  
tity of his Loading; and that the Naval Officer, by the Gov-  
ernor aforesaid appointed, for the Time being, shall, and is  
hereby empowered to administer the said Oath: And in Case  
the said Master shall refuse the said Oath, or upon Suspicion  
of having Goods on board, for which he hath not cleared, it  
shall be lawful for the said Naval Officer, to enter on Board  
any such Ship or Vessel, and the same to search, for any such  
Goods as aforesaid; anything in this Act beforementioned  
notwithstanding

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Read and assented to by the House of Delegates

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