

Bacon ship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of Twelve Months after the End of this General Assembly, all Masters of Ships and Vessels, or Others, importing Irish Servants, being Papists, into this Province, by Land or by Water, at the Time of their Entry, shall pay unto the Naval Officer for the Time being, belonging to such Port or Place where they make their Entry, the additional Sum of Twenty Shillings Current Money, over and above the Twenty Shillings Sterling per Poll imposed by a former Act of Assembly of this Province, for every Irish Servant so imported, on Penalty and Forfeiture of Five Pounds Current Money for every Servant that shall be by him or them concealed at the Time of his or their Entry as aforesaid, the one Half thereof to be appropriated for defraying the Public Charge of this Province, the other Half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in his Lordship's Name, in any Court of Record within this Province, that shall have Jurisdiction of the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

II. And for the better Discovery of such Irish Papists; Be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Naval Officers for the Time being, belonging to the several and respective Districts within this Province, be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and required to administer to every such Irish Servant, except Children under the Age of Fourteen Years, (to be adjudged at the Discretion of the Naval Officer) so imported as aforesaid, the several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly, and cause them to subscribe the Oath of Abjuration and the Test; and all and every such Servants that shall refuse to take the Oaths, and sign the Oath and Test as aforesaid, (except before excepted) shall be and are hereby deemed and declared Papists, for whom the Owner or Importer shall be obliged to pay the additional Duty, as aforesaid.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the Time aforesaid, for every Negro imported into this Province, either by Land or Water, the Importer or Importers of such Negroes shall pay unto the Naval Officer aforesaid, the Sum of Twenty Shillings Current Money per Poll, over and above the Twenty Shillings Sterling per Poll, imposed by a former Act of Assembly of this Province, on Penalty and Forfeiture of Five Pounds Current Money per Poll, for every Negro kept back or unaccounted for; to be recovered as aforesaid, and applied to the Uses aforesaid.