

Liber H. S. No. 1
 [Notice of Seizure to be given, on Demand.]

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person or Persons who shall seize any Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, by Virtue of this Act, shall, on Demand, give Notice in Writing to the Person or Persons in whose Custody the same was seized, if the Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, seized, exceeds the Quantity of Twenty-five Gallons, in what Court, and when, he shall file an Information, in order to have the same condemned, or if the Quantity of Twenty-five Gallons or under, before what Justice of the Peace, and when he shall apply to have the same condemned, agreeable to the Directions of this Law.

[Onus Probandi to lay on the Owner where Information, filed.]

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, shall be seized agreeable to the Directions of this Law, and an Information filed in any Court of Record, or Application made to a Magistrate, in order to have the same condemned, such Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, shall be presumed to have been imported by Land from the Province of Pennsylvania, or the Three Lower Counties of New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, without being Entered, unless the Owner or Owners, or Person or Persons claiming Property in the same, shall be able to prove that the said Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, was legally imported into this Province, or distilled or made within the same.

[Oath to prevent the Importation of Rum, &c. from Pennsylvania, or Three Lower Counties, without Permit, by whom to be taken and when.]

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Naval-Officers, Sheriffs, Deputy-Sheriffs, and Constables, who shall be in Office after the Eleventh Day of June next, at the first County Court to be held for the County in which they respectively reside, after the said Eleventh Day of June, shall take an Oath, that if they shall know, or be credibly informed, or have good Reason to suspect, that any Rum, Spirits, Wine or Brandy, has been, or shall be, imported by Land into this Province from Pennsylvania, or the Three Lower Counties on Delaware, called New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, or the reputed Limits of the said Province or Counties, without a Permit or Permits for so doing, they will forthwith do their best Endeavour to seize the same: And that all Naval-Officers, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and Constables, which shall, after the said Eleventh Day of June, be appointed or sworn into the said Offices, shall, at the Time of his being sworn, take the same Oath, and obtain a Certificate thereof; and every such Officer failing so to do, shall forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money to the Informer; to be recovered with Costs, by Action of Debt or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province.

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[Accounts to be made out Twice a Year, and return'd to the Commissioners.]

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several and respective Naval-Officers and Sheriffs of this Province, shall, and are hereby obliged and required, Twice in each Year, during the Continuance of this Act, to make out, on Oath, true and distinct Accounts of all the Money he shall receive by Virtue of this Act; and the same Account, so made out, shall return under their Hands