

to the Person who shall bid highest for Farming the Duties of Impost & Excise on Beer, Rum, and other Spirits, Wines, brown Sugar and Melasses contained in those Districts, to begin 1st January 1777, & to continue to the 31st December, 1778. such Farmers invested with Powers given by Law to the Collectors.

for answering the intended Purpose, to the Person or Persons who shall bid highest for farming the Duties of Impost and Excise payable by the Laws of this Province, on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors and Wines, Brown Sugar and Melasses contained in the said several Districts before-mentioned, and the Bays, Rivers and Creeks, contiguous or belonging and adjoining thereto, to begin the First Day of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven, and to continue to the Thirty First Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight, and such Farmers shall be fully invested with all the Powers and Authorities in every Respect as are given by Law of the Collectors of the Duties of Impost and Excise.

Farmers to give Bond in double the Sum given for the farming,

to pay the same at stated Times.

the Commissioners to lodge Bond with the Treasurer.

In Case of Failure of Payment Bond to be put in Suit,

Commissioners to render an Account to General Assembly of their Proceedings.

The Farmer may appoint Deputies.

Farmer or his Deputy liable to account for & pay all Drawbacks allowed on the several Articles.

II. *And be it Enacted*, That the Farmer or Farmers aforesaid shall give Bond with two sufficient Sureties to the Treasurer of the Province for the Time being, and his Successor in said Office, in double the Sum which shall be given for the farming as aforesaid with Condition, that the Sum given be paid into the Province Treasury, for the Use of the Province in Quarterly Payments, from the Date of the said Purchase, which Bond the said several Persons to be appointed Commissioners as aforesaid, are hereby empowered to take, and the same to lodge with the Treasurer aforesaid within Twenty Days after the said Bond shall be executed, and the Treasurer in Case of Failure or Neglect of Payment on the part of the Farmer or Farmers aforesaid, at the Times therein limited, shall put the said Bond in Suit in Manner as is directed for the Recovery of the Debts payable to the Province, and the several Persons appointed Commissioners as aforesaid, shall render an Account of their Proceedings touching the same to the *General Assembly*, in the first Week of their Session next after the same shall have been carried into Execution.

III. *And be it also Enacted*, That the Persons so farming the said Duties may substitute and appoint one or more Deputy or Deputies under them upon Oath to collect and receive the same, and the said Deputy or Deputies shall have, use and exercise, all such Powers and Authorities, as are given by this Act to the Farmers for enabling them to collect the Duties aforesaid, and for detecting and prosecuting Offenders.

IV. *And be it further Enacted*, That the Farmers aforesaid or their Deputies shall be liable to account for and pay the Drawbacks, to which any of the said Articles aforementioned are subject within the Term of farming aforesaid, on the Exporters producing proper Certificates and complying in every Respect with the Rules prescribed by the Laws in that Case made and provided.

V. *And*