

Property liable
to Seizure and
by whom

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That all Goods and all Ships, Vessels and Boats, and all Carriages and all Cattle, liable to Forfeiture under any Act relating to the Colonial Revenue, shall and may be seized and secured by any Officer of the Colonial Revenue, or by any person employed for that purpose, by or with the concurrence of the Board of Revenue, whether previously or subsequently expressed; and also, by any Sheriff or Deputy-Sheriff of any County or District within this Province, or by any Justice assigned to keep the Peace therein, or by any person who in any place, distant more than ten miles from any Office of a Collector of Impost, shall by the Warrant of any Justice of the Peace, granted upon information made on Oath before him of any such forfeiture, be appointed to seize and secure any Boats, Carriages or Cattle, liable to Forfeiture as aforesaid, and every person who shall in any way hinder, oppose, molest or obstruct, any Officer of the Colonial Revenue, or any person so employed as aforesaid, in the exercise of his Office, or any person acting in his aid or assistance, or any such Sheriff, Deputy-Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, or other person appointed by any Justice of the Peace in manner aforesaid, or any person or persons acting in the aid or assistance of any such persons as last aforesaid, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of One Hundred Pounds.

Houses, Shops,
&c. may be
searched

V. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for any Officer of the Colonial Revenue to enter in the day time into any House, Shop, Cellar or other building whatsoever, wherein such Officer shall have reasonable cause to suspect or believe any Goods to be, or to be concealed or deposited, which are liable to Forfeiture under any Act relating to the Colonial Revenue, provided, that before such Entry made, information on Oath shall be given to some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the place where such House, Shop, Cellar or other Building is situate, that such Officer has reasonable cause to suspect and believe that Goods liable to Forfeiture as aforesaid are deposited or concealed therein, and immediately on such information being laid or given, such Justice shall and he is hereby enjoined and authorised forthwith, but at some time between Sun-rising and Sun-setting, to go with such Officer to such House, Shop, Cellar or other Building, and then and there to enter with such Officer, or to authorise him to enter and search for such Goods, if the doors be open, but if the doors be fastened and admission denied, then, after first demanding to be admitted, and declaring the purpose for which such entry is demanded, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby required to direct and order such Officer forcibly to enter into such House, Shop, Cellar or other Building, and to search therein for any Goods Forfeited, and to seize all Goods liable to Forfeiture under any Act relating to the Colonial Revenue.

Writs of Assist-
ance may be
granted

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That under the authority of a Writ of Assistance granted by the Supreme Court of this Province, or of the Chief Justice thereof, who are hereby authorised and required to grant such Writ of Assistance, upon application made to them or him in Term time, or vacation, for that purpose, by the Board of Revenue, and due cause shewn therefor, it shall be lawful for any Officer of the Colonial Revenue, taking with him a Peace Officer, to enter any building or other place in the day time, and to search for and seize and secure any Goods liable to forfeiture under any Act relating to the Colonial Revenue, and in case of necessity to break open any Doors and Chests or other Packages for that purpose, and such Writ of Assistance when issued shall be deemed to be in force during the space of three months.

Account of
Stocks may be
taken

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That every Collector in his respective District shall, once in every three Months or oftener, if he shall think proper, and at any time between Sun-rising and Sun-setting, and with or without the other Officers of the Revenue; enter into any Houses, Shop, Store-House or Cellar, possessed by any person trading or dealing in any Goods subject to, or charged with, Colonial Impost Duties, and take an account of all such Goods composing the Stock, or in possession of such Trader or Dealer, and if such Trader or Dealer shall refuse to open the door of such House, Shop, Store-House or Cellar, or prevent the Collector or his Officers from entering into the same for the purpose, or obstruct or prevent the taking of any such account of Stock, every such person shall forfeit the Sum of One Hundred Pounds.

VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall by force or violence as-
sault,