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Cultivation of Tobacco and Settlements of the remote parts of this Province
Proprietorship and the better to enable his Lordship to support the
Government of this Province.

And for as much as the imposition formerly settled for two Shillings
per hhd. is now determined on the death of Charles late Lord Proprietary
that the Rents due to the (Present Lord Proprietary) are payable in
Money and that it would not only tend much to the disappointment
of his Lordship in the due receipt of his Rents but also the manifest
Prejudice of such Tenants as should hold their Lands under Conditions
of such punctual Payments and the Tenure of their Grants require and
to the disinclining many who would be obliged to surrender their Estates
for want of ability to comply therewith which in all probability would
put a great Check to the future Cultivation of the remote and offorest
Lands of this Province and be a Cause to several of those remote
Inhabitants to desert their yet but poor Improvements, all which
Inconveniences this present General Assembly most humbly desire
may be provided against.

And for as much as the quantity of Tobacco now usually exported
or which may be expected in an hhd. of the pipe by this last settled Recess
the quantity which commonly reported to be the contents of and held at the
time when the aforesaid imposition of two Shillings per hhd. was settled and
also that as the number of hhd. annually reported are increased since
that time yet for that the value of his Lordship's Rents are much more
increased.

It is therefore Ordained and Enacted by the Right Honble
Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore absolute Lord and Proprietary
of this Province with the advice and Consent of the upper and Lower
house of this Province General Assembly and by the Authority of the
Same: That from the twentieth day of September last there shall be
raised Levied and Collected for every hhd. of Tobacco what shall be shipped
in any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province or any the Territories
Islands Ports Rivers Creeks or places thereunto belonging the sume of two
Shillings and nine pence Sterling and for every hundred weight five pence
halfe penny and doe for a greater or lesser quantity in Recon-
pence and full Satisfaction to his Lordship my Lord Proprietary for
accepting his alienation fines and quit Rents (refused in Money) in Tobacco
at two pence per pound and the better to enable him to support the
Government of this Province.

And be it further Ordained and enacted by the Authority aforesaid
the said duty and imposition shall be from time to time paid and
Satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel (respectively) in
which any such Tobacco shall be exported upon his or their Clearing or
taking his or their dispatch or dispatches for every such respective Ship or