

' annual Revenue upon their Majesty's Governor within this Province for
 ' the Time being, reciting the said first above-mentioned Act, and reciting
 ' also, that the Freemen of this Province then Assembled, upon strict
 ' scrutiny made into the Premises, did find, that his Lordship had not
 ' only been very deficient and at small Charge and Expences in maintain-
 ' ing a Magazine as aforesaid; but that this Province had been obliged to
 ' defray all Publick Charges arising for the Support of Government, by
 ' way of an equal Assessment upon the Inhabitants thereof, the several Pro-
 ' visoos in the last mentioned Act notwithstanding; and also reciting fur-
 ' ther, that his said Lordship, the aforesaid Moiety of *Two Shillings* per
 ' Hoghead under pretext of maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid, had to
 ' the Time of making this Act, converted the same to his own use, to
 ' the Impoverishing of the Country and Defraud of the Publick; and that
 ' his said Lordship being then Incapacitated of complying with what by
 ' the said Act, for the said Moiety of *Two Shillings* per Hoghead, was re-
 ' quired; It was therefore Enacted, that the said *One Shilling* per Hoghead
 ' for the defraying the Charges of Government aforesaid, commencing
 ' from the then present Shipping, as well for such Ships or Vessels as had
 ' then already Cleared before the making of this Act, as for such then re-
 ' maining in this Province, should be raised, levied, collected and paid
 ' unto our then Sovereign Lord, and Lady, the said King and Queen's
 ' most Excellent Majesties, their Heirs and Successors, for the Support of
 ' their Government for the Time being, in and over this their Majesty's
 ' Province aforesaid, and the Territories to the same belonging, for every
 ' Hoghead and quantity of an Hoghead of Tobacco, which had been
 ' for and during the Time aforesaid, or which should thereafter be at
 ' any Time 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 as aforesaid; Provided always, and 'tis declared to
 ' be the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that this Act, nor any
 ' thing therein contained, should be adjudged, construed, reputed or
 ' taken, any thing therein expressed to the contrary notwithstanding, .to
 ' Disannul or make Void his Lordship's Right to the other Moiety of the
 ' said *Two Shillings* per Hoghead, to be paid in consideration of his Rents
 ' and Alienation Money in Tobacco at *Two Pence* per Pound, during the
 ' Term of his natural Life (but that the same should be kept, and by this
 ' Law preserved to his Lordship, in as full and ample manner as by the
 ' said last recited Law was expressed or intended) or in the least to dis-
 ' charge his Lordship of receiving the Rents aforesaid at *Two Pence* per
 ' Pound, as by the said recited Act was enjoined, during also the Term
 ' of his natural Life, nor to discharge his Lordship from accounting for
 ' the Arrears of the *One Shilling* per Hoghead for Supporting the Go-
 ' vernment, and finding Arms and Ammunition, but that he should be
 ' obliged to all the aforesaid Matters and Things, as fully and strongly, as
 ' if the said recited Law were in full Force; as by the said Act, whereto
 ' your Committee crave leave to refer, may appear; which Act among
 ' others we find continued as a Law of this Province, by a General Af-
 ' sembly held at *Annapolis* the 28th day of *June*, in the Eleventh Year
 ' of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *William* the Third, of Eng-
 ' land, &c. And in the Year of our Lord God 1699.