

the Life of his Lordship, the then Lord and Proprietary of this Province, but also for and during the natural Life of the Honourable *Cæcilius Calvert*, Esq; his Lordship's Son and Heir, and no longer; and that in case the said *Cæcilius Calvert*, Esq; should happen to survive his then Lordship, then from and after his said Lordship's Decease, the said Duty and Imposition of *Two Shillings* per Hoghead, should be levied, raised, collected and paid to the said *Cæcilius Calvert*, Esq; for and during the Term of his natural Life as aforesaid; Provided always nevertheless, that all and every the said several Provisoes in the said several Acts contained, should during the continuance of this Act stand in full Force and Virtue, and be inseparably annexed thereunto, as by the said Act, relation being thereunto had, may appear.

Under which Laws of 1671, 1674, and 1676, your Committee humbly conceive, the said Duty of *Two Shillings* per Hoghead, continued to be Levied and Received to and for the Uses and Purposes of Paying his Lordship's Lieutenant Governor and Council for the Time being, and for maintaining a constant Magazine with Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province, and for defraying other Publick necessary Charges of the Government, until the Time when their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, of Glorious, Immortal and Pious Memory, assumed the Government of this Province, and took the same under their Protection; upon which Assumption and Change from a Proprietary to their Majesty's Government, we find the following Act made and passed in the Time of *Lyonel Copley*, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over this their Majesty's Province of *Maryland*, and Territories thereunto belonging, at an Assembly held at the City of *St. Mary's* on the 10th day of *May*, Anno Domini 1692, and in the Fourth Year of their said Majesty's Reign; entituled, *An Act for the Settlement of an 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 maintaining 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 Provisoes in the said last mentioned Act notwithstanding; and also reciting further, 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