

“ Earl of MONMOUTH,
 “ Earl of MONTAGUE,
 “ Earl of SCARBOROUGH,
 “ Earl of WARRINGTON,
 “ Earl of RANELAGH,
 “ Viscount NEWPORT,
 “ Viscount FAULKLAND,
 “ Lord Bishop of LONDON,

Sir ROBERT HOWARD,
 Mr. VICE CHAMBERLAIN,
 Mr. CHANCELLOR of the Excheqr.
 Lord Chief Justice HOLT,
 Sir EDWARD SEYMOUR,
 Sir HENRY GOODRICK,
 Mr. BOSCAWEN.

“ THE Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, having laid before his Majesty in Council, a Report from Sir *Thomas Trevor* Knight, their Majesty's Solicitor General, upon several of the Demands of Lord *Baltimore*, as Lord Proprietary of their Majesty's Province of *Maryland*; and the same having been Read at the Board as followeth, viz.

“ *To the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Plantations.*

“ IN Obedience to your Lordship's Order of Reference of the 19th of last *September*, I have considered of the several Demands made by Lord *Baltimore* in the Province of *Maryland*, and represented to their Majesties by the Assembly of that Province, and I have been attended by Lord *Baltimore*, and his Council.

“ As to the Demand of Fourteen Pence per Ton, I find by an Act of Assembly in 1661, it was enacted, that all Vessels, not properly belonging to that Province, should pay, for Port Duties, and Anchorage, Half a Pound of Powder, and Three Pounds of Shot, or so much in Value, for every Ton, to the Lord Proprietor, and his Heirs, which Duty hath, by Usage, been turned into Money, viz. Fourteen Pence per Ton, and so answered to Lord *Baltimore*, and constantly applied to his own Use, and not to the Support of Government, as his Lordship [*] affirms to me: And, by Order of Council, 26th *February* 1690, this Duty was directed to be answered to Lord *Baltimore*, as Proprietor of the Province, and likewise Instructions given to Governor *Copley*, to permit Lord *Baltimore*, or his Agents, to receive it without Interruption; and, I conceive, upon the Word of the Act, this Duty doth belong to Lord *Baltimore*, as Proprietor, to be received to his own Use; and it would be of dangerous Consequence to admit of Parol Proof of an Intention in the Law-Makers, different from the Words of the Law, to say that the Duty which the Act calls *Port Duty*, was intended to be a *Fort Duty*; and it seems to be admitted by the Assembly, that this Duty belongs now by Law to Lord *Baltimore*, by desiring their Majesty's Royal Assent to an Act to invest it in their Majesties.

“ ALL which is humbly submitted to your Lordships great Wisdom.

“ THOMAS TREVOR.”

“ His Majesty was pleased to approve of the said Report, and did order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Act lately passed in *Maryland*, for the Fourteen Pence Tonnage, be, and it is hereby set aside, and disallowed; and, that the Lord *Baltimore* be permitted, without any Disturbance, or Interruption, to collect, and receive, by such Person or Persons, as he shall thereunto appoint, the said Duty of Fourteen Pence per Ton, for *Port Duties* or Anchorage, to his own Use, of Right belonging to him by Law, as Lord Proprietary of the said Province; and as well Governor *Copley*, as Lord *Baltimore*, and all others concerned, are to take Notice of his Majesty's Pleasure hereby signified, and to comply with the several Particulars of the said Report.

“ JOHN NICHOLAS.”

By the Act of 1671, continued in 1674, and again in 1676, there was a Duty of Two Shillings per Hoghead on all Tobacco exported granted to Lord *Baltimore*; by the first Act it was to be paid during the Life-time of Lord *Cacilius*; by the second it was continued during the Life-time of Lord *Charles*, who was the Proprietary at the Revolution, and long after; and, by the third, it was continued during the Life-time of his said Lordship's Heir apparent, *Cacilius Calvert*, Esq;

ONE Moiety of the Two Shillings was given to his Lordship, as a Compensation for receiving his Quit-Rents, and Alienation Fines, in Tobacco; and the other Moiety to support the Governor and Council, and maintain a constant Magazine of Arms and Ammunition.

[*] *The new Tonnage Act affirmeth the same Fact.*