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Papers.

Government was raised till 1716. when the late Lord Baltimore assum'd the Administration of Government. The Assembly then being convinced by Reason mentioned in the Act, that a Larger Support for Government than One Shilling was Necessary, Intended by that Act to be provided for & to include & Exclude other matters in the same Act, They did by an Act lay a Duty of 15^d p^r Hogsh^d instead of 12^d p^r hh^d In the Act of 1704. By an Act of 1716 w^h Act was Temporary from w^h time upon the Expiration of that Act the Government has been & still continues to be supported By the Perpetual Act in 1704—still unrepeal'd.

So that, the Government being in Possession of & continue to receive the Duty directed by the said Act of 1704, the only Question since as I can find was in 1733. By the Lo^r House of Assembly—The committee in their partial Report recited not the Preamble of the Act of 1671. No Notice is taken w^h might tend to the Honor & Iustice of Lord Baltimore's Ancestors, w^h the Preamble recites Viz^t With all Imaginable Gratitude & Thankfullness for his Lord^{ps} unwearied care & Vast Expences & Charges w^h his Lord^p had been put from his first Seating his Lord^{ps} Province unto that Instant meerly to preserve them with Enjoyment of their Lives & Liberties with Encrease of their Estates & Fortunes & for the conservation of all Societies. The Charge of Every Government without which it cannot Subsist ought in Reason to be bourn by those whose conservation depend upon the Government for and towards defraying the many Great & Necessary Expences &c.

And by w^h Act Intituled an Act for Raising & Providing a Support his Lord^p the Lord Proprietor of this Province (in lieu of his Rents &c) during his Natural Life & likewise (inserted) a Supply towards the Defraying the Public Charges of Government. These Grateful Ancestors their Desendants take No Notice of the Benefits their forefathers had rec^d from the 1st Proprietor, only in their Report recite, several Temporary Acts for support of Government During the Administration by Lord Baltimores Ancestors—And then recite An Act made in 1692 when M^r Copley was Gov^r soley under the Crown, w^h Act the Report possitively Asserts to have been continued as a Law of this Province by a Gen^l Assembly the 28th of June the 11th of W^m the 3^d in 1699” And from the Strength of that Asscrtion this inference is made by that Report “That by the frequent continuance & Re-Enacting the said Act of 1692 During the time wherein the Government & Protection of the Province was in the Crown The Legislature did not Deem the same or any of them perpetual—But to have a Duration only with such Gov^r & Government

Be pleased to observe—1st the Act of 1692 for a Settlem^t