

ties Province of Maryland having received from the Honourable your Majestie's Governor and Council severall demands made by the Lord Baltmore, of his pretended rights in this your Maj<sup>tie's</sup> Province As first of twelve pence a hoggshead imposition upon Tobacco, secondly of fourteene pence per Tonn for all Tobaccoes exported out of this Province thirdly of all fines and amerciaments in your Maj<sup>tie's</sup> Courts fourthly of all waifts strays wilde horses and wilde hoggs fifthly of all bills bonds and other writeings relateing to his Lordship's land after a full search and cleere understanding of all matters pertinent to the same doe for a full satisfaction to your Majestie and refuting of all representations we can occur on any hand in all humility crave pardon with that freedom as becomes our duty and loyalty to your Majestie wee ofer and briefly declare to your Majestie the Voates passed this Assembly in relation to the same as by the Voates hereafter doth appeare.

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1<sup>st</sup> As to the 12<sup>d</sup> p hoggshead this house say that they are with their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royal assent ready to confirme the same to his Ldp provided his Ldp grant the same conditions of Plantation he did before the happy Revolution or the same that their Maj<sup>ties</sup> doe to the Colony of Virginia to the Inhabitants of this Province and such of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> subjects as for the future shall transport themselves hither to inhabite which wee humbly conceive was the true intention and designe of his Lordshipp's Pattent granted by King Charles the first as fully appears by the preamble thereof which was primarily to advance the Crown of England by seating a large and ample Colony which wee humbly conceive the best way to effect is by granting easy terms and conditions of taking up land to the Inhabitants at present and future times without which the Province will dayly decay and the intent of the Pattent be totally frustrated.

2<sup>ndly</sup> As to the 14<sup>d</sup> p Tonn this House have fully searched and examined into the true cause of the making of that Act and though the Journalls of that Assembly as well as the original Law is either by negligence lost or designedly made away by the late Government yet many persons liveing and some of this Assembly doe remember and saye that the same was for building of Forts and finding of powder and shott for the Country's use And further that that duty ever was and still is by the Inhabitants called Fort Duetys and not Port Duetyes as it is now termed in the said Act upon which evidence and peruseall of the Law and fully debateing the same this house doe unanimously declare that the said 14<sup>d</sup> p Tonn doth of right and according to the intention of the makers of that Law belong to the Crowne and humbly desire