

by the Inhabitants Called Fort Dutys and not Port Duties as U. H. J. it is now termed in the said Act, upon which Evidence and perusal of the Law, and fully Debating the Same, this house do unanimously Declare that the said 14^d p^r Ton doth of right and according to the Intentions of the Makers of that Law belong to the Crown, and humbly desire their Majestys Royall Assent to an Act to Invest the same in their Majestys and Successors for ever; It Seeming very unequal to them that the Crown of England should be at that Charge of Building Forts which is absolutely Necessary for securing Ships in time of Warr and Securing their Majestys Dutys in both times of Peace and Warr and the Lord Baltimore receive the Money given by his Majesties Subjects for that End & purpose but more Especially when We Consider the great Revenue his Majesties Clemency has still Allowed and Afforded his Lordship out of this Province and how Little it cost him and his father in Seating the Same; It being Chiefly peopled at first by Unpeopling their Majesties Colony of Virginia invited in hither with their families and Estates by a Snare; fertile Soil, and the Specious pretence of Liberty of Conscience.

3dly. As to the Demand of the fines and Amerciaments to the late happy Revolution so farr as they were Legall his Lordship We humbly Conceive ought to have them, but what hath since Legally Accrued, and forever for the future are the undoubted rights of the Crown of England, the one arising from the breach of their Majesties Laws, and the other an Antient Prerogative of the Crown by Custom immemoriall for their false Clamour in his Courts of Judicature

4thly As to the Demand of Wafts, Strays, Wild horses, and Hoggs this house say that such a franchise can no ways Suit with the Nature and Constitution of this Province nor any New Seated Plantation, the Same being very numerous and the Country uncleared of Wood, and every Mans Tract of Land so large that it is impossible to fence the Same in; so that the whole Stock of the Country run promiscuously one amongst the other and every Mans property only distinguished by his proper Mark Entred upon Record so that by such a Grant his Lordship would Entitle himself and Engross into his hands the whole Stock of the Province, and destroy every Mans property in the Same, Some Mens Stocks wandering Ten or Twenty Miles from their Plantation which the Law of Necessity requiring, the said Franchise ought not to be Admitted till the Conveniency of the Province will give leave thereunto which we humbly offer and Submitt to their Majestys Pleasure, And whereas unmarked wild Cattle Horses and Hogs were by an Act of Assembly given to his