

the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> of this Province, and members of his said Lib. R. R. R.  
L<sup>sp</sup>s Upper house of Assembly within the same; haveing (at P. 83  
the request and by pmission of his said L<sup>sp</sup>;) had inspection  
into, and examination of the Generall Booke of Entries for  
Shipping w<sup>th</sup> in this Province; Doe find and upon our Hon<sup>rs</sup>  
Say and Declare that in the yeare of our Lord God One  
thousand Six hundred Seaventy and Six his L<sup>sp</sup> did demand  
take and receive the summe of Two shillings sterling p hhd  
and noe more, for every hhd of Tobacco of the growth and  
production of this Province, then (according to the Accompts  
and reports made to his L<sup>sp</sup>s Officers thereunto appointed)  
Shipped and exported out of this Province, which said summe  
or Imposition of Two shillings p hhd his L<sup>sp</sup> claimed demanded  
and received by vertue of an Act of Assembly of this Pro-  
vince made by and with the Advice and consent of the ffree-  
men of this Province Assembled in the yeare of our Lord One  
thousand Six hundred Seaventy and ffour, Intituled [an Act  
of Gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>m</sup>  
Generall of Maryl<sup>d</sup>] And that his said L<sup>sp</sup> did not then nor  
at any time thereafter claime, ask, demand take, or receive,  
any Duty, tax or Imposition laid upon any the growth or pro-  
duction of this Province, for, by reason, or by vertue of an  
Act of Assembly of the said Province made as afores<sup>d</sup> in the  
yeare of our Lord One thousand Six hundred Seaventy and  
one Intituled [An Act for the raiseing and provideing a Sup-  
port for his L<sup>sp</sup>: the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> or this Province dureing his  
naturall life, and likewise a Supply towards the Defraying th<sup>e</sup>  
publick charges of Governm<sup>t</sup>] Neither (to our knowled<sup>e</sup>)  
hath any other Duty Tax or Imposition upon any the gro  
or production aforesaid been at any time since paid by any  
person or psons whatsoever Inhabitants, or others tradeing  
comeing into or resideing within this Province for or by reason  
of the aforesaid Act Intituled [An Act for the raiseing and  
provideing a Support for his L<sup>sp</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> of this Pro-  
vince &c<sup>a</sup>] or of any other Act of Assembly of this Province,  
or upon any other Accompt whatsoever, other then by vertue  
of the ffirst mentioned Act of Assembly Intituled [An Act of  
Gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>m</sup> Gen-  
erall of Maryland]

To the Truth whereof And for the better Information &  
Satisfaction of all persons whatsoever, Wee have hereunto sett  
our hands, and have humbly prayed his L<sup>sp</sup>: and have pre-  
vailed to have the greate Seale of this Province hereunto to be  
affixed this Six and Twentyeth Day of Aprill in the Nineth