point his Excellency John Seymour Esqr her Captain Generall Lib. L. L. and Chief Governor in And over this her Majesties Province No. 2. of Maryland To whom Wee her Majesty's most Loyall Subjects Yield all due obedience as by her Royall Commission we are obliged.

And the better to demonstrate Our most humble Gratitude and to shew the good respects we have for and toward The said John Seymour Esq<sup>r</sup> our present Governour and the great hopes and Expectation we have of his Excy's Good Government over us We most humbly pray That it may be Enacted

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the Same that an Imposition of three Pence p hogshead over and above the one shilling p hogshead heretofore granted for Support of her Majesties Governor here upon all Tobacco that shall be hereafter Exported out of this Province by Land or by Water and three pence upon Every four hundred pounds of tobacco be it in Chest or Case may be raised Levyed and paid to her Sacred Majesty her heires or Successors for the use and better maintenance of her Majesties said Governour John Seymour Esq<sup>r</sup> During his Government in and over this Province and no Longer if her Majesty shall be so graciously pleased By the Master of Every Ship or Vessell or other pson trading into or living in this Province in ready money or bills of Exchange at the Election and Choice of the said Master or others to be Collected by the Naval Officer of the Port or District where such Shipp or Vessell shall Enter or such other psons as his Excellency shall think fitt to Appoint. And

Be it further Enacted and Declared that if any tobacco should by any Casual meanes be lost after the Imposition paid that then and in All such Cases the owner of freighter of such p. 437 tobaccoes shall have free liberty to freight and ship of the like quantity againe without paying the Additional three pence This Act to Endure so Long as the said John Seymour Esq<sup>r</sup> shall remayne Governour in and over this Province and no Longer

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Read and Assented to by the house of Delegates W Taylard Cłk house Del. Read and Assented to by her Majties honble Councill W Bladen Cl Coun<sup>1</sup>