

parture of such Shipp or Vessell and the Master or Masters C. P.
of Every such Shipp or Vessell Coming into this province shall
att their first arrivall here and before their Loading on board
any goods or Commodities of the Growth production or Manu-
facture of this province give good and Sufficient Security to his
Excellency or to the Officer thereunto Especially appointed for
the paym^t of the said duty or Imposition accordingly

And whereas this present Gen^l Assembly on notice of the
Decease of the right Hon^{ble} Charles Lord Baltmore Late
prop^{ry} of this province have upon their Humble Application
to the right Hon^{ble} Benedict Leonard Lord Baltmore pres-
ent Lord prop^{ry} thereof that he would be favourably pleased
to accept of their rents and fines for Alienations in Tob^o at
two pence Sterl per pound in such Manner and on such Con-
ditions and Termes as his Noble Ancestors have heretofore
done for the greater Ease to Tenants in the paym^t of their rents
and the better to Encourage the Cultivations and Settlem^{ts}
of the remoter parts of this their proprietorship

And forasmuch as the gratuity formerly Settled on his said
Lordships Ancestors for such their favours was raised by an
Impost of twelve pence on the Exportation of Every hh^d or
four hundred pounds of Tob^o which Impost is Determined by
the death of the said Late Lord prop^{ry} soe that att present
his Lordships rents are payable in Money but forasmuch as p. 264
to Continue the paym^t thereof in money would be wholly Im-
practicable from the great scarcity of itt amongst us and that
itt would not only Tend much to the disappointm^t of his Lord-
shipp in receipt of his rents but alsoe to the Oppression of
such Tennants as should hold their Lands under Condition
of such punctuall paym^t as the Ten^t of their grants requires
and to the Disinheriting many who would be obliged to
Surrend^r their Estates for want of ability to Comply therewith
in all probability itt would put a great Check to the future
Cultivation of the remote and forrest Lands of this province
and be a Cause to Sev^{ll} of those remoter Inhabit^{ts} to Desert
their (yett but poor) Improvem^{ts} to Lessening the revenue of
the Crown and discouraging the Inlargem^t of his Majesties
Dominions in these parts All which Inconveniencies this
present Gen^l Assembly most Humbly Desires may be pro-
vided against and for as much as the Quantity of Tob^o now
Usually Exported or which may be Exported in a hogshead
of the gauge by this Act Settled Exceeds the Quantity w^{ch} was
Comonly reputed to be the Contents of a hogshead att the
time when the af^d twelve pence per hogshead was Settled on
his Lordships Ancestors for the making Easy of his rents and
fines for Alienations af^d and Alsoe for that altho' the number p. 265