

Lib. R. U. quently those that are not the best able to bear this burden that will by this means reap the benefit of My Lord Proprietary's favour and Generosity—I hope it will be Considered that a Particular ought always to give way to the Publick good It is therefore of these wealthy Gentlemen that I now address myselfe to. Pray Remember the Poor

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L<sup>t</sup> Coll Richard Tilghman and Coll Thomas Smith from the upper house deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the paper Referred to in his Excellcys Speech which is ordered to be Entred as follows viz.

A Cobby of the Clause mencōned in his Excellcys  
Speech and Inclosed from his Lordship  
to his Excellency

And forasmuch by the Enlargement of the Tobacco hhd from the Gage of thirty Inches in the Diameter of the head to this p<sup>r</sup>sent Gage, a Larger quantity of Tobacco will be Exported in each hhd whereby the duty and Imposition on Tobacco by the hhd will be Evidently retrenched and lessened unless a Just regard be had to the preservation of them in their usuall worth and value which this present Generall  
p. 139 Assembly is highly obliged to the said Impost or duty being to be applied and paid to the Lord Proprietary in Consideracōn of his great goodness and Condescention in takeing his alienation ffines and Quitt Rents in Tobacco att two pence p pound as his noble Ancestors have heretofore done for the greater Ease of their Tennants in the payment of their Rents and the better to incourage Cultivation of Tobacco and Settlements of the remoter parts of this their Proprietorship and the better to Enable his Lordship to Support the Government of this his province—and forasmuch as the Imposition formerly settled of two Shillings p hhd is now determined on the death of Charles late Lord Proprietary soe that the Rents due to the p<sup>r</sup>sent Lord Proprietary are payable in money and that it would not only tend much to the disappointment of his Lordship in the due receipt of his Rents But also the manifest disadvantage of such Tennants as should hold their Lands under Conditions of such punctual payments as the Tenure of their Grants require and to the disinheriting many who would be obliged to Surrender their Estates for want of ability to Comply therewith which in all probability would put a great Check to the future Cultivation of the remote and fforrest Lands of this province and be a Cause to Severall of those remoter Inhabitants to desert their (yet but poor) Improvements, all which