

Advice & Consent of His L^{dp's} Governor & the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly & by the Authority of the same that all such Sums of Money as have been or shall be raised by the said Duty or Impost during the Continuance of the aforementioned Act shall be paid by the Treasurers of this Province or others in whose hands the same are lodged to the R^t Hon^{ble} the L^d Proprietary or his Agent or to such other Person or Persons as are or shall be legally appointed by his said L^{dp} to receive the same (the Charge of Collection thereof due to the Navall or other Officers that first collected the same being first deducted) such payment being in full Recompence & Satisfaction of & for his L^{dp's} Acceptance of his Quit Rents & Fines for Alienations in Tob^o at 2^d Ster^s p lb according to the true Intent & Meaning of the said before mentioned Act. Their L^{dp's} having also signified that it would be agreeable to the People the Lord Proprietary would accept of a Duty of two Shillings p Hh^d instead of 18^s in full payment & Satisfaction of all the Rents & Alienation Fines that should become due to him, the Assembly gladly embraced the Offer & passed the following Act.

M. H. S.
Collection.

An Act ascertaining the Gage & Tare of Tob^o Hhds. & to prevent Cropping Cutting & Defacing Tob^o taken on board Ships or Vessels upon freight & for laying Impositions on Tob^o p the Hhd. for the Support of Governm^t & for the Encouraging Settlements in this Province by ascertaining the manner of paying His L^{dp's} Alienation Fines & Quit Rents for the Term therein proposed & for taking off the three pence p Hhd formerly raised for the Publick Charge.

[All that part of this Act which relates to the Gage of Tob^o Hhds & to prevent Cropping &c is the same as the first part of the Act made in June 1715 excepting that the L^d Proprietary's name is inserted in this where His Majestys is in the other Act & excepting that that Clause in the other Act which continued in force the Act of 1711 ascertaining the Gage of Tob^o Hhds is left out of this]

And forasmuch as by the Enlargement of Tob^o Hhds from the late Gage of 30 Inches in the Diameter of the Head to this present Gage a larger Quantity of Tob^o will be exported in each Hhd whereby the several Duties & Imposts on Tob^o will be evidently retrenched & lessened unless a just Regard be had to the Preservation of them in their usual Worth & Value which this present General Assembly is highly obliged to those Duties being generally applied to the Support of Gov^t & for other the most important Affairs of this Province & therefore it is not only just but necessary that the Duties