

M. H. S. Collection. upon the Hhds which shall be of the Gage herein directed should be in some Sort enlarged proportionably to the Enlargement of the said Gage it is therefore most humbly prayed that His L^{dp} the L^d Proprietary will be favourably pleased to grant that it may be enacted & Be it enacted by His said L^{dp} by & with the Advice & Consent aforesaid that from & after the 29th Day of Sept next there shall be levied collected & raised to the R^t Hon^{ble} the L^d Proprietary His Heirs & Successors for every Hhd of Tob^o which shall be shipt in any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province or any the Territories Islands, Ports Rivers Creeks or Places thereto belonging after the 29th Day of Sept aforesaid the Sum of fifteen pence Sterling in lieu & stead of the twelve pence Sterling formerly imposed on every Hhd of the aforementioned former Gage & for every 100 lb of Tob^o exported in Box, Chest Barrel or Case two pence half penny St^s & so pro rato for a greater or lesser quantity Provided always that the Money that shall be raised by the said Duty shall be applied to those Ends & Uses for which it has hitherto been raised viz. for the Support of His L^{dps} Govern^t within this Province in manner following & not otherwise that is to say Three pence of the said fifteen Pence p Hhd for the purchasing Arms & Ammunition for the maintaining a Magazine for the better Defence of this Province & for the due Preservation thereof to be collected by the proper Officer & paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of this Province for the time being to be disposed of to the Uses afores^d as the Governor & Council for the time being shall direct, the other twelve pence to His Ldp's Governor for the time being actually inhabiting & residing within this Province for the better enabling him to support the honour & Dignity of Gov^t & effectually to execute the Powers & Authorities to him committed to be collected by the proper Officers by him appointed & paid to such Governor as afores^d And in Case of the Death or Absence of such Governor the one half of the said 12^s applied to the Governor as afores^d that shall arise in such Vacancy shall be applied to the Maintenance & Support of such of His Ld^{ps} Council as shall then preside the other Half to be applied towards the building a House for His Ld^{ps} Governor & be lodged in the publick Treasurers hands for that use, & be it further enacted that the said Duty & Impost shall be from time to time paid & satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively in which any such Tob^o shall be exported upon his or their Clearing or taking out his or their Dispatch or Dispatches for every such respective Ship or Vessel & before the Departure of such Ship or Vessel. And the Master or