

U. H. J. said Lordship to Support the Government of this Province. And forasmuch as the Imposition of two shillings p hogshead formerly settled by his Noble Ancestors in Consideration of their Accepting of their Alienation fines & Quitt Rents in Tob^o at two pence p pound determined on the death of Charles late Lord Prop^{ty} of this Province, So that the Rents due to this present Lord Prop^{ty} are payable in mony And that it would not only tend much to the disappointment of his Lordship in the due Receipt of his Rents but also to the manifest disadvantage of such Tenants, as should hold their Lands under Conditions of such punctuall payments as the Tenour of their grants require and to the disinheriting many who wou'd be Obliged to Surrender their Estates for want of Ability to Comply therewith, which in all p^bability wou'd put a great Check to the future Cultivation of the remote & forrest Lands of this p^vince And be a Cause to Severall of those remoter Inhabitants to desert their yet but poor Improvements All which Inconveniencies this prsent Gen^l Assembly desire may be p^vided against. And forasmuch as the Quantity of Tobacco now Usually Exported in an hh^d of the Guage by this Act settled Exceeds the quantity which was Comonly reputed to be the Contents of an hh^d at the time when the af^d Imp^o of two Shillings p Hh^d was Settled And also that altho the number

p. 45 of Hh^{ds} Exported are increased since that Time yet for that the Value of his Lordships Rents are much more Increased Be It Enacted by the Right honourable the Lord Prop^{ty} by and with the advice & Consent of his L^{dps} Gov^r and the uper and lower houses of Assembly And by the Authority of the same that from and after the ——— day of this Session of Assembly there shall be raised levyed and Collected to the Right honourable the Lord Prop^{ty} his heirs and Successors for every hh^d of tob^o which shall be shiped in any Ship or Vessel to be Exported out of this Province or any the Territories Islands Ports Rivers Creeks or places thereunto belonging the sume of three shillings and three pence Sterl and for every hundred weight of tobacco Exported in Box Chest or barrell six pence half penny Sterling and so p^r ratio for a greater or lesser quantity in recompence & full Satisfaccon to my Lord Prop^{ty} for his Alienation fines & quit rents reserved in mony And the better to Enable his Ldship to support the Government of this Province. Provided always th^t the mony which shall be raised by the said duty shall be applied to those ends for which it is raised in manner following and not otherwise that is to say Three pence of the said three shilling and three pence p^r hh^d for the purchasing Armes and Amunition for the maintaining a magazine for the better defence of this Province And for due preservation thereof to be collected by the