

An Act for raising a Duty of Three-pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned. Session
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Whereas his Lordship, the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary has been pleased to constitute and appoint his Honour Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq; his Lieutenant Governour in and over this his Province of Maryland, to whom we (his Lordship's Tenants) yield all due Obedience: And the better to demonstrate our Gratitude to his Lordship, and to shew the good Respects we have for and towards the said Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq; our present Governour; and the great Hopes and Expectation we have of his Honour's good Government over us, we most humbly pray that it may be Enacted,

And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That an Imposition of Three Pence Sterling per Hogshead, over and above the Duties already imposed on the Export of Tobacco upon all Tobacco that shall be exported out of this Province after the Twenty Ninth Day of September next, by Land or by Water, and Three Pence Sterling upon every Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, be it in Chest or Case, to be paid by the Master of every Ship or Vessel, or other Person trading into or living in this Province, in Sterling Money of Great-Britain, or Bills of Exchange, at the Election and Choice of the said Master or others, to be collected by the Naval Officer of the Port or District, where such Ship or Vessel shall enter, to be applied to the Uses, and in the Manner following; (that is to say,) Three Half-pence of the said Three Pence per Hogshead so to be collected as aforesaid, to be apply'd towards the Encouragement of one Publick School in every County within this Province; (that is to say) one equal Share thereof towards the Support of each School; and the remaining Three Half-pence so to be collected as aforesaid, be paid by the p. 23 Naval Officers aforesaid, to his Honour Benedict Leonard Calvert, Lieutenant Governour in and over this Province, for his Use and better Maintenance.

And be it Enacted and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Tobacco, should by any casual Means be lost, after the Imposition be paid, that then, and in all such Cases, the Owner and Freighter of all such Tobaccos, shall have free Liberty to freight and ship off the like Quantity, without paying the additional Three Pence. This Act to endure 'till the Twenty Ninth Day of September, which shall be in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Two.