

U. H. J. hended within the Sence and meaning thereof not only by what may
 No. 734 be Gathered from the different Acts heretofore made of the like kind
 at the respective times when this Government was in the Hands of
 the Proprietary or in the Crown whereby the Aforesaid or the like
 duty in one Case hath been always Given to the Proprietary and his
 Heirs and in the other to the King and Queen their Heirs and Suc-
 cessors for the support of their Governor and Government for the
 time being But Also from what Appears to have been the Sence
 of our present Lord Proprietary concerning the same from the time
 of his Admission to the Government until the Year Seventeen hun-
 dred and Thirty two Aforesaid by his Assenting and Becoming a
 Party to several Acts made in that time for raising a duty for the
 Support of his Government in every of which the said duty has been
 Expressly Given to himself and his Heirs without mentioning the
 King and likewise by his Assenting to and passing another Act
 now Subsisting entituled an Act for transferring the Payment of all
 such Fines and Forfeitures as shall hereafter Arise or happen upon
 the Breach of any the Penal Laws of this Province to the right
 Honourable the Lord Proprietor Although the Words by which
 these Fines and Forfeitures are Given to the Kings and Queens
 aforesaid are Exactly the same with those which Give the Twelve
 Pence p hhd in the Act of Seventeen hundred and four and Foras-
 much as it is not the Intention of this Assembly to deprive the right
 Honourable the present Lord Proprietary of a sufficient and Honour-
 able Support for his Government and Governor for the time being
 in and over this Province but only to Assert and maintain to them-
 selves their Constituents and Posterity that Principal And most
 Essential Branch of Liberty which they Conceive themselves entituled to as Subjects of Great Britain of not being Liable to the
 Payment of any Money Tax Impost or duty Except such as shall
 be Warranted Raised and Assessed by Laws made by themselves and
 the other Branches of the Legislative Body of this Province It is
 therefore humbly prayed that it may be enacted and be it Enacted by
 the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice
 p. 41 and Consent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower
 Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that for and
 during the Continuance of this Act the Sum of Twelve Pence Ster-
 ling Money of Great Britain shall be raised Levied and Collected for
 every Hogshead and Quantity of an Hogshead of Tobacco which
 shall at any Time after the end of this Session of Assembly be Shipped
 or put on Board any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this
 Province or any the Territories thereto belonging which said Sums
 shall be Collected and Received by the several Naval Officers of this
 Province of and from the Masters or Commanders of such Ships
 or Vessels at the time or times of their Clearing out the said Ves-
 sels at the Respective Custom Houses of this Province and the same