

thereof, the several provisoes in the said last mentioned act notwithstanding; and also reciting further that his said Lordship, the aforesaid Moiety of two shillings per Hogshead under pretext of maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid had to the time of making this act Converted the same to his own use, to the Impoverishing of the Country and Defraud of the publick: and that his Lordship being then Incapacitated of Complying with what by the said act for the said Moiety of two shillings per hogshead, was required; it was therefore Enacted that the said one shilling per hogshead for the Defraying the Charges of Government aforesaid Commencing from the then present Shipping as well for such ships or Vessels as had then already Cleared before the making of this Act, as for such then remaining in this province should be raised levied Collected and paid unto our then Sovereign Lord and Lady the said King and Queen's most Excellent Majesties their Heirs and Successors for the Support of their Government for the time being, in and over this their Majesty's province, aforesaid and the Territories to the same belonging for Every Hogshead and quantity of an Hogshead of Tobacco, which had been for and during the time aforesaid or which should thereafter be at any time Shipped in any ship or Vessel to be Exported out of this province, or any the Territories Islands, ports, Rivers, Creeks or places thereunto belonging as aforesaid; provided always, and tis declared to be the true Intent and meaning of this act, that this Act or any thing therein Contained, should [not] be adjudged Construed, reputed or taken, any thing therein Expressed to the Contrary notwithstanding, to Disannul or make void his Lordship Right to the other Moiety of the said two shillings per hogshead, to be paid in Consideration of his rents and alienation money in Tobacco at two pence per pound, during the Term of his natural life, but that the same should be Kept, and by this law preserved to his Lordship, in as full and ample Manner as by the said last recited law was Expressed or Intended, or in the least to Discharge his Lordship of receiving the Rents aforesaid at two pence per pound as by the said recited act was Enjoined, during also the term of his natural Life nor, to Discharge his Lordship from Accounting for the arrears of the one Shilling per Hogshead for supporting the Government, and finding Arms and Ammunition, but that he should be Obligated to all the aforesaid Matters and things as fully and strongly, as if the said recited Law were in full force; as by the said act whereto your Committee Crave leave to refer, may appear, which act among others we find Continued as a Law of this province by a general Assembly held at Annapolis the 28th Day of June in the Eleventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third of England & and in the year of our Lord God 1699.

Your Committee humbly observe, that, altho' the said Acts of 1671, 1674 and 1676 herein before recited had a duration respectively with

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