

viding arms and Ammunition, but that he be obliged 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, relation being thereunto had may appear and which said Act, your Committee humbly Conceive Continued in force until the year 1715, at which time also an Act passed at a Session of Assembly held on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the said year, Entituled, an Act Ascertaining the gauge and Tear of Tobacco hogsheads, and to prevent Cropping and defaceing Tobacco Taken on Board Ships or Vessels upon freight, and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per the hogshead for the Support of Government, and for the Encouraging Settlements in this province by ascertaining the manner of paying the alienation fines and quit rents to the lord proprietary of this province on the Conditions therein mentioned, by which Act it is among other things recited that forasmuch as by the Enlargement of Tobacco hogsheads from the late gauge of Thirty Inches in the Diameter of the head to the gauge therein before ascertained and Enacted a Larger quantity of Tobacco would be Exported in each hogshead, whereby the several Duties and Imposts on Tobacco by the hogshead, would be Evidently retrenched and lessen'd unless a Just regard should be had to the preservation of them in their usual wealth and Value, which the then present General Assembly was highly obliged, to those duties having been Generally applied to the Support of Government, and for other the most Important affairs of this province and that therefore it was not only Just but Necessary that the duties upon the hogsheads which should be of the gauge in the said Act, Directed, should be in some sort Enlarged proportionably to the Enlargement of the said Gauge, it was therefore by the said Act also Enacted that from and after the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September then next there should be raised, levied, Collected and paid to the King's most Excellent Majestys his Heirs and Successors for the support of his Government for the time being in and over this province of Maryland, and the Territories to the same belonging, for Every hogshead of Tobacco which should be 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, on or after the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of September aforesaid, the sum of fifteen pence Sterling in lieu and stead of the twelve pence Sterling formerly Imposed on Every hogshead of the aforementioned former gauge, and for every hundred weight of Tobacco Exported in box, chest, Barrel or case, two pence half penny Sterling, and so pro rato for a greater or Lessor quantity: and it is also by the said act recited, that whereas the then present general Assembly on notice of the Decease of the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baltimore, then late proprietary of this province, had made their Humble application to the Right Honourable Benedict Leonard Lord Baltimore then Lord proprietary thereof, that he would be favourably pleased to accept of his rents and

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