

posed on Every Hogshead, and applied to the use of the then late Lords proprietaries; and that the same duty of Eighteen pence per hogshead, should after the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September aforesaid from Time to time be paid and satisfied to the several and respective Naval officers of this province for the time being by the Master or Masters of every such ship or vessel respectively, in which &c. and that the said Naval Officers on receipt of the eighteen pence per hogshead aforesaid, should be, and are by this act, obliged to render an Account of and pay the same to the publick Treasurers of this province, after the same manner they were required to account for and pay the duties raised to defray the publick Charge of this province, to be by such Treasurers Accounted for and paid to the Right Honourable Benedict Leonard Lord Baltimore, then proprietary of this province in Case he should be favourably pleased to Accept the same in Consideration of his receiving his quit rents and Alienation fines during the Continuance of this act in Tobacco at the rate of two pence Sterling per pound after such acceptance by his said Lordship should be duly Signified to this province and that in case his Lordship should not think fit to accept thereof in manner aforesaid, then the said duties to be applied Towards the defraying the publick Charge of this province; and it is also by the said Act Enacted, that the same should Continue in force till the End of the next Session of Assembly that should happen of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May then next, and no longer, as by the said act a relation thereunto being had may appear and by virtue of which last recited Act, your Committee humbly Conceive, the said duty for support of Government was levied and raised, untill his Majesty King George of Glorious Memory, was pleased to restore the Government of this province, [to] the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baltimore, the present Lord Proprietary of this province.

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Your Committee humbly observe further, that upon his Lordships being so restored, and the Government again Changed, from his Majesty's to a proprietary Government in the year 1716, an Act passed at a Session of Assembly, held the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the first year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and proprietary of the province of Maryland and Avalon &c. and in the year of our Lord aforesaid Entituled an Act ascertaining the gauge and Tare of Tobacco hogsheads and to prevent Cropping and Cutting and Defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon freight, and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per hogshead for the support of Government and for the Encouraging Settlements in this province by ascertaining the manner of paying his Lordships Alienation fines and quit rents for the Term therein proposed and for taking off the three pence per hogshead formerly raised for the Publick Charge: by which said Act, it is Among other things recited as is before mentioned to be recited, Concerning the