

pound: & further reciting that his present Lordship the Right Honourable Charles Lord Barron of Baltimore, Since the Decease of his noble father the late Lord Benedict had Signified to the then present General Assembly, his Willingness to Accept of Any Additional Duty of Six pence Sterling per Hogshead in full Satisfaction for his quit rents and fines for Alienations, that arise or grow due within the said province during the Continuance of this Act, which was thought by the General Assembly to tend to the good of the generality of the poorer sort of Planters, and Especially those Orphans who held lands within this province it was thereby Enacted that from and after the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September then next, there should be raised, levied, Collected and paid 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 thereto belonging, the Sum of two Shillings Sterling, and for Every hundred weight of Tobacco Exported in box, Chest, barrel or Case four pence Sterling, and so pro rata for a greater or lesser quantity, to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, in full Discharge and satisfaction of his quit rents and fines for Alienations, that should arise or grow due within this Province from and after the said 29<sup>th</sup> day of September then next, and that the said Duty of two shillings sterling per Hogshead, should after the said 29<sup>th</sup> day of September be paid to such officer or officers as his Lordship should think fit to apoint to receive or Collect the same, by the Master or Masters of every such ship or vessel respectively in which &<sup>ta</sup> and by the said act the aforesaid act made in 1715 is revived and Continued in full force untill the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September then next, and no Longer, and this Act to Continue untill the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September which should be in the year of our Lord 1720 as by the said Act, where to your Committee Crave leave to refer themselves, may appear, and which said act giving the said duty to the governor here Actually Resideing was, as your said Committee, Conceives the Cause that in 1717 another Act passed at a Session of Assembly begun at the City of Annapolis on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the said year, and in the first year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and proprietary &<sup>ta</sup> Entituled an Act ascer-

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taining the gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads and to prevent Cropping Cutting and Defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or vessels upon freight and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per Hogsheads for the Support of Government, and for 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; which Among other things recites as is before mentioned to be recited Concerning the Enlargement of the gauge in the aforesaid act, said to be passed in the aforesaid year 1715, and it is