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This House met again according to Adjournment Present as yesterday

The two foregoing Bills being ordered to be entered at large in the Journals of this House are as follow

An Act for raising an Annual Revenue for the better Support of the Station and Dignity of his Lordship's Governor for the time being and for the Safety and better Defence of this Province

Whereas it clearly appears to this General Assembly that the Act made at a Scssion of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County the fifth Day of September in the third Year of the Reign of Our late Sovereign Lady Queen Ann of pious Memory in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and four Entituled An Act for Settlement of an Annual Revenue upon her Majestys Governor within this Province for the Time being was not meant intended or designed for the Use Profit or Advantage of the Right honourable the Lord Proprietor or his Governor, nor that the Words Sense or Meaning of the said Act will bear any such Explanation Construction or Interpretation, although his Lordship has been pleased since the Expiration of the Act Entituled an Act for laying an Imposition on Tobacco by the hogshead for Support of Government, and for Payment of his Lordships Quit Rents and Alienation fines for the time therein mentioned made and passed at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Eleventh Day of July in the Year of Our Lord God Seventeen hundred and thirty Two to levy the said Impost or Duty of Twelve Pence Sterling ꝓ hogshead to his own Use on all Tobacco exported out of this Province since that time under Colour of the said Act made in September Seventeen hundred and four before mentioned And this general Assembly being willing and desirous to avoid all Causes of Contention and Disputes with his Lordship the Lord Proprietary and that a good and lasting Friendship & Union may be cultivated between his Lordship and the Good People of Maryland and to support in an honourable Manner his Lordships Governor for the time being in and over this Province and for the better Security and Defence of the same humbly pray that it may be enacted And Be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that One shilling Sterling ꝓ hogshead for defraying the Charges of Government in manner and form as herein after set forth shall be raised levyed and paid unto the several & respective Naval Officers within this Province by the Shipper or Shippers of such Tobacco for every hogshead and Quantity