

U. H. J. important Juncture We his Majestys faithful Subjects the Dele-
 Calvert gates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland in General As-
 Paper sembled convened as well to testify Our Zeal for his Majestys Person
 No. 735 and Government and to contribute as far as in us lieth to the Suc-
 cess of his Majestys Arms against all Enemies whatsoever as to put
 Ourselves in the best Posture of Defence We are able against any
 such Invasion or Attempt of the French or any Others 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 there shall be levied and raised
 a Duty or Impost of Three pence Sterling Money for Every hogs-
 p. 19 head of Tobacco which shall be exported in any Ship or Vessel out
 of this Province from and after the End of this Session of Assem-
 bly until the twenty ninth Day of September which shall be in the
 year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and forty one and
 no longer and be collected and received by the several and respective
 Naval Officers of this Province in the same Manner as Other Duties
 on Tobacco have been heretofore collected and received and by the
 said Naval Officers paid to the respective Treasurers of this Prov-
 ince for the time being to be by them applyed and disposed of for
 the purchasing Arms Ammunition and other Warlike Stores in
 manner as herein after directed for the Defence and Preservation
 of the Province af^d

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that at
 whatsoever Time or Times after the End of this Session of Assem-
 bly it shall please his Excellency the Governor and the Council of this
 Province for the time being to consider of and certify by Writing
 signed by the Clerk of the Council to the Treasurers aforesaid or
 any of them what Arms Ammunition or Other Warlike Stores they
 shall judge necessary over and above those already purchased or to
 be purchased with the Moneys heretofore raised or collected for that
 Purpose for the better Defence and Preservation of this Province
 It shall and may be lawful for the same Treasurer or Treasurers
 and Each of them and they are hereby impowered and required with
 all Convenient Speed after the Receipt of such Certificate to buy up
 and purchase in Great Britain or elsewhere in his Majestys Domini-
 ons as to them shall seem meet all such Arms Ammunitions and
 Stores af^d to him or them as aforesaid certified, or so much thereof
 respectively as shall amount in Value to the money to be raised as
 aforesaid and lodged and paid into his or their Hands as aforesaid
 and shall procure and cause the Arms Ammunition and Stores afore-
 said to be imported into this Province and lodged in the Publick
 Armory or Magazine of the same Province committed to the Care
 and Custody of the Person or Persons who is are or shall be ap-
 pointed for the keeping and taking Care of the Armory & Magazine