

SessionLaws Evidence on either Side, as if the original Lease or Leases should be produced; and in cases of these Leases, no Acknowledgment shall be requisite; but Leases made for the Premises aforesaid, or any Part of them, shall be as effectual made in Pursuance of this Act, as if no other Law had Relation to them; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Chapter XXV An Act for raising a Duty of Three Half Pence Sterling per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province for the Use of the Governor.

Preamble Whereas his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, has been pleased to constitute and appoint his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; his Lieutenant Governor in and over this his Province of Maryland, to whom we yield all due Deference; and the better to demonstrate the good Respect we have for and towards the said Samuel Ogle, Esq; our present Governor, and the great Hopes and Expectations we have of his Excellency's good and mild Government over us, we most humbly pray that it may be Enacted;

Duty, what and how to be paid And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That an Imposition of Three Half-pence Sterling per Hogshead, over and above the Duties already imposed on the Export of Tobacco, upon all Tobacco that shall be exported out of this Province, after the last Day of this Session of Assembly, by Land or by Water, and Three Half-pence Sterling upon every Three Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, be it in Chest or Case, to be paid by the Master of every Ship or Vessel, or other Person trading into or living in this Province, in Sterling Money, or Bills of Exchange, at the Election or Choice of the said Master, or others, to be collected by the Naval Officer of the Port or District where such Ship or Vessel shall Enter, and to be paid by the Naval Officers aforesaid, to his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; his Lordship's Governor in and over this Province, for his proper Use and better Support.

In Case of Loss, &c. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That if any Tobacco shall by any Casualty be lost after the aforesaid Imposition paid, that then and in all such Cases, the Owner or Owners of any such Ship or Vessel, or other Person paying the same, shall have free Liberty to freight and ship off the like Quantity without paying the said Three Half-pence.

Duration of this Act This Act to continue until the Twenty-ninth Day of September, which shall be in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight.

In Case of Death or Removal Provided Always, That if the said Samuel Ogle, Esq; shall die, or be removed from being Governor of this Province, before the said