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An Act for further continuing an Act entitled An Act to prevent the Exportation or Carrying out of this Province Ammunition, Warlike Stores or Provisions of any Kind towards Supplying the French or their Allies.

And Whereas, at a Session of Assembly Begun & held at the Town of Baltimore in Baltimore County on Fryday the Eight Day of April in the Sixth Year of My Dominion 1757 Several Acts of the Province of Maryland were Passed by you Viz.^t

An Act for his Majesty's Service & the more immediate defence & Protection of the ffrontier Inhabitants of this Province

Together with Sixteen other Acts Publick & private, all which Acts at the afforesaid Sessions of Assembly as entered in the Journals of the Upper House & were passed by you into Laws in the Usual Form.

On Consideration of the Afforesaid several Acts transmitted by you. I do hereby Signifye to you my Assent & Will that each of the said Acts of Our Assembly be Laws of the Province of Maryland & you are to enter this my Assent, upon Record as Usual.

Concerning the Petition Presented to you By John Tayloe Esq.^r & Presley Thornton & Benj.^a Grymes Gent.^t of the Colony of Virginia, ab.^t Virginea Iron Ore Vessels: On Consideration on the matter of the said Petition, It is my Will & Pleasure that you do reject the said Petition. It beeing Manifest against the Property & Interest of the Province of Maryland to Suffer Virginian Ships or any Vessels of Other Countries to Clear & not to pay the Tunnage Duty Subject by Law Especially for Unmanufactured Effects of the Province the Virginians want to take out & Manufacture to its prejudice.

And Whereas the Naval officers of the The Province have taken a Liberty of their own, for I know of no authority that warrants their own Regulation for Payments of the Tunnage Duty on Vessels that shall Trade to the Province. I am inform'd, in relation to the Virginia Ore Vessels (tho' they never Call'd at any Office) that these Payments are by agreement as the Officers aledge, at a Certain Sum p.^r Ann; without regard to the Trips or Tunnage; thus by Illicitous agreement they wrong my rights, the Naval Office ffees & the Real Interest of all concern'd in the Iron Mines & Manufacture of Iron in the Province, therefore I desire & require of you on Receipt of these My Instructions to take the Matter thereof into Consideration, with M.^r Boardley the Atty.^y Gen.¹ & Naval Officers at the Port of Annapolis & M.^r Lloyd My Receiver Gener.¹, with such others as you shall Judge fitting in Aid of Advice to Determine. Whether the Tunnage on Virginia Vessels is most Sutable by the Bulk & Measurment of such Vessels or by the Tunnage of Loading? in either Case by you Determin'd for in one or the other I insist; & upon Such Determination, You Do immediatly Issue out Orders