

The Solicitor-General (Sir Thomas Trevor's) Opinion therein, which was approved by the King in Council, is as follows: C H A P. XI.

“As to his Lordship's first Demand of Twelve Pence per Hogshead, for all Tobacco exported out of that Province, I find the said Duty is Part of a certain Duty of Two Shillings a Hogshead, for all Tobacco exported from that Province, granted by an Act of the Assembly there, of the 7th of March 1671; one Moiety whereof is by the said Act appropriated to the public Service, for the better Support of the Government; and the other Moiety, which is the Twelve Pence a Hogshead now demanded by the Lord Baltimore, is thereby granted to the Lord Baltimore, to be received by him, for his own Use, as Proprietor of the said Province, and that the said Twelve Pence a Hogshead was, by Order of Council, the 26th of February 1690, directed to be answered and paid to the Lord Baltimore, as Proprietor of Maryland; and I do not find that the Assembly do much contest my Lord's Right to this Duty of Twelve Pence a Hogshead, in the Representation they have made to their Majesties, where they say, they are, with their Majesties Royal Assent, ready to confirm the same to his Lordship, provided his Lordship grant the same Conditions of Plantations he did before the happy Revolution, or the same that their Majesties do to the Colony of Virginia, to the Inhabitants of that Province. But what those Conditions are, it doth not appear to me, otherwise than by looking into the said Act of Assembly in 1671; by which the said Duty was granted to the Lord Baltimore, upon Condition, that his Lordship should accept a Pound of Tobacco, instead and lieu of every Two Pence Rent at any Time reserved upon any Grant of Land made by his Lordship: Which Condition, his Lordship affirms to me, he always hath and still is ready to comply with.”

In consequence of this Report, and his Majesty's Approbation thereof in Council, Lord Baltimore received the 12 d. per Hogshead, during his natural Life, pursuant to the Laws above mentioned, the said Moiety being of private Concern, and consequently not falling under any of the general Repeals in 1692, 1699, 1700, or 1704; all which had a saving Clause in Favour of private Rights and Benefits obtained under any former Laws. Upon Notice of his Lordship's Decease, an Act passed, 1715, ch. 9, continuing the Collection of the 12 d. per Hogshead, till the 29th September, in that Year, to be paid on the same Condition, to Lord Benedict Leonard the present Proprietary, if his Lordship should think proper to accept thereof. And in the same Session, ch. 38, a new Law was made, granting his Lordship 18 d. Sterling per Hogshead, on Condition of his receiving his Quit-Rents and Alienation Fines, in Tobacco, at 2 d. per Pound.

C H A P. XII.

An Act for the Advancement of foreign Coins. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Passed 19th April 1671.

A new Act 1686, ch. 4.

C H A P. XIII.

An Act touching Coopers. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

A new Act 1676, ch. 9.

C H A P. XIV.

An Act for the Stay of Execution after April Court. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

A new Act 1671, ch. 25.

C H A P. XV.

An Act for reviving certain Laws within this Province. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

C H A P. XVI.

An Act for the Coroner's Fees. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

C H A P. XVII.

An Explanation of two Clauses in an Act, entitled, \* An Act for the Clerk's Fees, and Allowance for Jurors in civil Causes; with an Addition of a Fee to the Seal of each respective County. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

\* 1666, ch. 15.

C H A P. XVIII.

An Act for the settling the Rates and Prices in Money of all Wines, Liquors, and other Commodities, sold by Retail, within this Province. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

C H A P. XIX.

An Act against Runaways, and all such Persons as shall give them Entertainment, and others that shall Travel without Passes. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

C H A P. XX.

An Act for the Encouragement of the sowing and making of Hemp and Flax. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

A new Act 1682, ch. 6.

C H A P. XXI.

An Act for the Enrolment of Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.

A new Law 1674, ch. 2, by which this Act is also repealed.

C H A P. XXII.

An Act for the Payment of the public Charge of this Province. REP. 1676, ch. 2.

Ditto.