

418. For the defraying the publick Charges of Government. It was by the said  
Act published and declared that from and after the first day of September  
then next ensuing there should be raised levied collected and paid to  
the said Lord Prop. the sum of two shillings Sterling for every Kibb (or  
quantity) of an hhd of Tobacco which should be at any time hereafter  
shipped in any shipp or vessel to be Exported out of this Province on  
condition that his said Lord Prop. should receive his Rents and fines for  
Alienation of Land, in good found Merchantable Tobacco when sold or  
at the rate of two pence the pound for one moiety of the said Imposition the  
other moiety by the said Act raised to be employed towards the maintaining  
a Constant Magazine and defraying other publick necessary Charges  
of the Government and whereas the freemen of this Province now  
assembled upon strict perjury made into the premises Do find his  
said Lord Prop. hath not only been very efficient and at small charge  
& expence in maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid as aforesaid But  
that this Province hath been obliged to defray all publick Charges  
arising for the support of Government by way of an Equal Assent  
upon the Inhabitants thereof the severall provisions in the aforesaid  
aforesaid Act to the contrary notwithstanding, and whereas also his  
said Lord Prop. the aforesaid moiety of two shillings per hhd under pretext  
of maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid hath hitherto converted  
the same to his own use to the Impoverishing of the Countrey and  
defrauding of the Publiick and bringing Incapacitated of complying  
with what by the said Act for the said moiety of two shillings per  
hhd is required Do it therefore directed by the King and Queens  
most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice & consent of this  
present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that  
the said one shilling per hhd for the defraying the Charges of Government  
aforesaid Comencing from this present shipping as well for fresh shipp  
or vessels as have already cleared before the making of this Act as for  
such Remains in the Province be raised levied collected and paid  
unto our selves  
Majesties their  
I. the King an  
I. his successors for the  
most Excellent  
of their Governm<sup>t</sup>