

An Act for settlement of an Annual Revenue
upon their Majesties Gov^{rs} within this Province for the time
being.

Whereas by an Act of Assembly formerly made Entituled an
Act for providing a Support for the Lord Proprietary of Province & likewise
a supply 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 Septemb^r
then next ensuing, there should be raised Levied collected and paid to
the said Lord Proprietary the sum of two shillings ster^l for every bushell
Quantity of an bushell of Tobacco which should be at any time hereafter
shipt in any ship or vessell to be Exported out of this Province on Con-
dition that the said Lord Propriet^r should receive his Rents and Tines for alien-
nation of Land in good & sound Merchantable Tobacco when tendered
at the rate of two pence per pound for one moiety of the imposition aforesaid
the other moiety by the said Act revised to be employed to ward & main-
taining a constant Magazine and defraying other publick & necessary
charges of the Government **And** whereas the freemen of this Prov^{ce}
now assembled upon strict Scrutiny made into the premises, do find
the said Lords^{rs} hath not only been very deficient and at small charges
and expence in maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid, but that this
Province hath been obliged to defray all publick charges arising
for the support of Government by way of an equall assessment upon
the Inhabitants there of, the severall provisions in the aforesaid
Act to the contrary notwithstanding, **And** whereas also the said Lords^{rs}
the aforesaid moiety of two shill^l & bush^l under pretext of maintain-