

An Act, declaring the Continuance of the Payment of the Twelve Pence per Hogshead, from the Death of the late Right Honourable Charles Lord Baltimore, until the Twenty Ninth Day of September next. D^o 86.

WH E R E A S by sundry Laws heretofore made, there has been a Duty of Twelve Pence *per Hogshead* laid on Tobacco, made payable to the late Right Honourable *Charles Lord Baltimore*, during his natural Life, in Consideration of his taking Tobacco at Two Pence *per Pound*, in lieu for his Quit Rents and Fines for Alineation: And whereas his Lordship is now deceased, whereby the Continuance of that Impost on the former Laws determines; notwithstanding which, there have been divers Sums collected by his late Lordship's Officers, as by virtue of that Law, before Notice of the Determination thereof by his late Lordship's Decease; and for that it is thought necessary by the present General Assembly, as well to declare and ascertain the Uses of the Money that has been so received, as to continue the Payment thereof this present Shipping; Be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the said Duty of Twelve Pence *per Hogshead*, formerly paid to the Lord Proprietary, on the Consideration aforesaid, be continued, collected, and received, in the same manner, as it ought to have been collected in his Lordship's life-time, until the Twenty ninth Day of *September* next; and that the Officers that have received or shall receive the same, during the Term aforesaid, shall account for and pay the same to the Publick Treasurers of this Province, to the Use of the Right Honourable *Benedict Leonard Lord Baltimore*, Proprietary of this Province, in case he shall be favourably pleased to accept the same, on the same Conditions and Terms whereon the same Duties were paid to his Noble Father deceased, until the Twenty ninth Day of *September* next: And in case his Lordship shall not think fit to accept the same, in manner aforesaid, then the said Duties to be apply'd toward the Defraying the Publick Charge of this Province.

A N D for the avoiding Disputes that may arise on the Payment of the said Duties since the Decease of the late Noble Lord Proprietary, and before the making this Act; Be it hereby Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Duties as have been received or secured by pretext of the Impost aforesaid, since his said late Lordship's Decease, shall be accounted for in manner aforesaid, and apply'd to the Uses aforesaid; any Discontinuance of the said Duty, by the Decease of the said Lord *Baltimore*, or otherwise, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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