

them in their usual Worth and Value, which this present General Assembly is highly obliged to, those Duties being generally apply'd to the Support of Government, and for other the most important Affairs of this Province: And that therefore it is not only just, but necessary, that the Duties upon the Hogheads, which shall be of the Gauge herein directed, should be in some sort enlarged; proportionably to the Enlargement of the said Gauge; It is therefore most humbly prayed, that the King's most Excellent Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant, that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted by His said 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 from and after the Twenty ninth Day of *September* next, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid, to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of His Government for the time being, in and over this His Province of *Maryland*, and the Territories to the same belonging, for every Hoghead of Tobacco, which shall be shipped in any Ship or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province, or any the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, or Places, thereunto belonging, on or after the Twenty ninth Day of *September* aforesaid, the Sum of Fifteen Pence *Sterling*, in lieu or stead of the Twelve Pence *Sterling*, formerly imposed on every Hoghead of the afore-mentioned former Gauge; and for every Hundred Weight of Tobacco, exported in Box, Chest, Barrel, or Case, Two Pence Half-penny *Sterling*, and so, *pro rato*, for a greater or lesser Quantity.

AND be it further Enacted, that the said Duty and Imposition shall be, from time to time, paid and satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively, in which any such Tobacco shall be exported, upon his or their clearing or taking out his or their Dispatch or Dispatches for every such respective Ship or Vessel, and before the Departure of such Ship or Vessel. And the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel, coming into this Province, shall, at their first Arrival here, and before their loading on Board any Goods or Commodities of the Growth and Production, or Manufacture of this Province, give good and sufficient Security to his Excellency, or the Officer thereunto especially appointed, for the Payment of the said Duty or Imposition accordingly.

AND whereas this present General Assembly, on Notice of the Decease of the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord *Baltimore*, late Proprietary of this Province, have made their humble Application to the Right Honourable *Benedict* Leonard Lord *Baltimore*, present Lord Proprietary thereof, that he would be favourably pleased to accept of his Rents and Fines for Alienations, in Tobacco at Two Pence *Sterling* per Pound, in such Manner, and on such Condition and Terms, as his Noble Ancestors have heretofore done, for the greater Ease to their Tenants in the Payment of their Rents, and the better to encourage the Cultivation and Settlement of the remoter Parts of this their Proprietorship: And forasmuch as the Gratuity, formerly settled on his said Lordship's Ancestors for such their Favours, was raised by an Impost of Twelve Pence on the Exportation of every Hoghead of Four hundred Pounds of Tobacco, which Impost is determined by the Death of the said late Lord Proprietary, so that at present his Lordship's Rents are payable in Money: But forasmuch as to continue the Payment thereof in Money would be wholly impracticable, from the great Scarcity of it among us, and that it would not only tend much to the Disappointment of his Lordship in the Receipt of his Rents, but also to the Oppression of such Tenants, as should hold their Lands under Conditions of such punctual Payments, as the Tenour of their Grants requires, and to the Disinheriting many, who would be obliged to surrender their Estates for want of Ability to comply therewith, which in all Probability would put a great Check to the future Cultivation of the Remote and Forest Lands of this Province, and be a Cause to several of those remoter Inhabitants to desert their (yet but poor) Improvements, to the Lessening the Revenue of the Crown,  
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