

And forasmuch as by the Enlargement of the Tobacco-Hogsheads from the late Gauge of Thirty Inches Diameter on the Head, of this present Gauge a large Quantity of Tobacco will be exported in each Hogshead, whereby the several Duties and Imposts on Tobacco will be evidently Retrenched and Lessened, unless a just Regard be had to the Preservation of them in their usual Worth and Value, which this present General Assembly is highly obliged to, those Duties being generally applyed to the Support of Government, and other the most important Affairs of this Province; and therefore it is not only just, but necessary that the Duties upon the Hogsheads, which shall be of the Gauge therein directed, shall be in some sort enlarged proportionably to the Enlargement of the said Gauge. It is therefore most humbly prayed, That His Lordship, the Lord Proprietary, will be favourably pleased to grant that it may be enacted,

Preamble as  
to Enlarge-  
ment of Duties  
per Hogshead.

And be it Enacted, by his said Lordship, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, there shall be levyed, collected and raised to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, His Heirs and Successors, for every Hogshead of Tobacco which shall be Shipped in any Ship, or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province, or any of the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks or Places thereto belonging, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, the Sum of Fifteen Pence Sterling, in Lieu and Stead of the Twelve Pence Sterling *per* Hogshead, formerly imposed on every Hogshead of the aforementioned former Gauge; and for 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.

Fifteen  
Pence per  
Hogshead in-  
stead of twelve  
Pence.

Provided always, That the Money that shall be raised by the said Duty shall be applyed to those Ends and Uses for which it hath hitherto been raised (*viz.*) Twelve Pence of the aforesaid Fifteen Pence *per* Hogshead, to the Lord Proprietary, for the Support of Government, and the remaining Three Pence of the Fifteen Pence *per* Hogshead for the purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Maintaining a Magazine, for the better Defence of this Province, and for the due Preservation thereof; to be collected by the proper Officer, and paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of this Province, for the Time being, to be disposed of to the Uses aforesaid, as the Governour and Council, for the Time being, shall direct.

Proviso  
for Applica-  
tion.

Provided nevertheless, That in the Absence of the Lord Proprietary himself out of this Province, One Shilling, part of the said Fifteen Pence, be applyed towards the Maintaining the Station and Dignity of his said Lordship's Lieutenant Governour, actually inhabiting and residing within this Province, and to such other necessary Uses, towards the Support and Defence of the Lord Proprietary's Government of this Province, as in his Lordship's Wisdom to him shall seem meet. And in case of the Death or Removal of such Lieutenant Governour from his Government, the one Half of the said Twelve Pence applyed to the Support of Government, as aforesaid, that shall arise in such Vacancy, shall be applyed to the Maintenance and Support of such Person of his Lordship's Council, as his Lordship, by his Instructions to his Lieutenant Governour or otherwise, shall appoint to preside; and to such other necessary Uses towards the Support of his Lordship's Government,

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