

Rents hath much more increased, a Law then passed for raising an Impost of Eighteen Pence Sterling *per* Hoghead, and Three Pence Sterling *per* Hundred on Tobacco exported out of this Province in Hoghead, Chest, Barrel or Case, for the Use of the said Lord Proprietary, in Consideration of his taking his Rents and Alienation Fines in Tobacco, at Two Pence Sterling *per* Pound.

And whereas his present Lordship, the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, since the Decease of his noble Father, the late Lord *Benedict* has signify'd to this present General Assembly, his Willingness to accept of an Additional Duty of Six Pence Sterling *per* Hoghead, in full Satisfaction of his Quit-Rents and Fines for Alienations that shall arise or grow due within this Province, during the Continuance of this Act, which is thought by the General Assembly to tend to the Good of the Generality of the poorer sort of Planters, and especially of those Orphans who hold Lands within this Province.

Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after this present Session of Assembly, there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid 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, Creeks or Places there-to belonging, the Sum of Two Shillings Sterling, and for every Hundred Weight of Tobacco Exported in Box, Chest, Barrel or Case, Four Pence Sterling, and so *pro Rato*, for a greater or lesser Quantity, to his Lordship, the Lord Proprietary, in full Discharge and Satisfaction of his Quit-Rents, and Fines for Alienations, that shall arise or grow due within this Province, from and after the End of this Session of Assembly. And the said Duty of Two Shillings Sterling *per* Hoghead, shall, after the End of this present Session, be paid to such Officers as his Lordship shall think fit to appoint to receive or collect the same, by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively, in which any such Tobacco shall be Exported, on or after this present Session, during the Continuance of this Act, upon his or their Securing 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 Lading on Board any Goods or Commodities of the Growth, Production or Manufacture of this Province, give good and sufficient Security for the Payment thereof, as is herein before directed.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, *An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogheads, and to prevent Cropping, Cutting and Defacing Tobacco taken on Board Ships or Vessels upon Freight; and for laying an Imposition on Tobacco by the Hoghead, for the Support of Government, and for the encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the Manner of paying his Lordship's Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents, for the Term therein proposed, and for taking off the Three Pence per Hoghead formerly raised for defraying the Publick Charge, made at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the Port of Annapolis the Seventeenth Day of July, Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred and Sixteen*, be and remain in full Force and Virtue; until this present Act takes Place: And that from and after the Time

Two Shillings *per* Hoghead to the Lord Proprietor,

In discharge of Quit-Rents, &c.

How to be Paid.

Former Act continued till this takes place.

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