

And the better to demonstrate our most humble Gratitude to his Lordship's pious Inclinations, and to shew the good Respects we have for and towards the said *Charles Calvert*, Esq; our present Governour, and the great Hopes and Expectation we have of his Honour's good Government over us, we most humbly pray that it may be Enacted,

Duty on Tobacco, of three Pence Sterling per Hoghead

And three Pence every 400 weight, in Chest or Case.

To be paid by the Masters of Ships, To the Naval Officer.

Three Half-pence of which, to be applied to the Use of County Schools.

The other three Half-pence to be for the Governour's Use.

If Tobacco paying this Duty should be lost, the Freight may be paid without paying.

Duration of this Act.

And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That an Imposition of Three Pence Sterling per Hoghead, over and above the Duties already imposed on the Export of Tobacco, upon all Tobacco that shall be hereafter exported out of this Province, by Land or by Water, and Three Pence Sterling upon every Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, be it in Chest or Case, be paid by the Master of every Ship or Vessel, or other Person trading into or living in this Province, in Sterling Money of *Great-Britain*, or Bills of Exchange, at the Election and Choice of the said Master or others, to be collected by the Naval Officer of the Port or District where such Ship or Vessel shall enter, to be applied to the Uses and in the Manner following, (that is to say) Three Half Pence of the said Three Pence per Hoghead so to be collected as aforesaid, be applied towards the Encouragement of one publick School in every County within this Province, (that is to say) one equal Share thereof towards the Support of each School, and the remaining Three Half Pence, so to be collected as aforesaid, be paid by the Naval Officers aforesaid, to his Honour *Charles Calvert*, Esq; Lieutenant Governour in and over this Province, for his Use and better Maintenance.

And be it enacted and declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Tobacco shou'd, by any casual Means be lost, after the imposition be paid, that then, and in all such Cases, the Owner and Freighter of all such Tobaccos, shall have free Liberty to freight and ship off the like Quantity without paying the additional Three Pence.

This Act to endure till the Twenty Ninth Day of *September*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty One, and no longer.

An ACT declaring the Punishment for Burning of Court-Houses.

Doubts about the Burners of Court-Houses.

Cleared up.

WHEREAS it is represented to this present General Assembly, That there remained some Doubt in the Law, whether the Burners of Court-Houses shall have the same Judgment against them as against Clerks Convicts, or to suffer Death: On which Doubt, the last Provincial Court, in Favour of Life, gave Judgment against the Person convict for Burning *Kent County* Court-House, only that he should be burnt in the Hand, &c. To clear up which Doubt for the future,

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That any Person or Persons whatsoever that shall hereafter be Convict of wilfully Burning any Court-House within this Province, wherein any Records actually