

4. Whereas I have observed that the Act made in the Year 1704. Intituled an Act for Settlement of an Annual Revenue upon Her Majesty's Governor in Maryland for the time being, which provides a Support for the Government, as also, another Act which grants a Duty on the Tonnage of shipping, commonly called the fourteen pence per Ton, are not so agreeable to or in such Esteem by some past Assemblys of our said Province of Maryland, as I could have wished and think they ought; And lest the present or any future Assembly should make any Attempt to repeal the same, or to weaken or enervate the whole some necessary Provision thereby made; You are hereby strictly Enjoined and required to use all imaginable caution, that no Act be passed to repeal the said Laws or either of them or weaken or enervate the same, or to lessen the Rights, Powers and Authority I now have or enjoy under the said Acts: But nevertheless if the Assembly shall think fit to pass another Perpetual Bill of the same nature and effect with that of 1704, You are hereby directed and permitted to give your Assent thereto; or to any other Act which may in any manner confirm the said Act of 1704.

5. Whereas a Revenue Bill which was heretofore granted by the Assembly to my Predecessors and which has been long since expired, was attended with great Inconveniencies and was very prejudicial to the Rights of the Lord Proprietary's; and as I am desirous and determined my Revenue shall continue for the future on the same footing it now is; I do strictly

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