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Serious Considerations that as Government is necessary for the Conservation of all Societies the Charges of every Government without which it cannot possibly subsist ought on reason to be boorne by those whose Conservacons depend upon the Government for and towards the defraying the many great and necessary expences of Governm<sup>t</sup> And to the intent Your Lordship Your heirs & Successors absolute Lords and Proprietaries of this Province may for the future be enabled in some measure to defray the same and in particular to allow competent Salaries & Encouragement to the Lieutenant Generalls and chief Governours and to the Privy Councell of the Lord & Proprietary of this Province for the time being doe as without prejudice to their private affaires they may be encouraged and reasonably required to attend unto the administration of Justice and other publick Con- cernments doe beseech Your Lordship that it may be enacted And be it enacted by his Lordship the Lord & Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice and consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly That from and after the first day of September now next coming there shall be raised levied collected and paid unto his Lordship the Lord and Proprietary of this Province the sume of two Shillings Sterling for every hoghead and quantity of an hoghead of Tobacco which shall be at any time then after shipped in any Ship or vessell to be exported out of this Province or any the territories Islands Ports Rivers creeks or places thereunto Belonging And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid and by an oath the advice and consent aforesaid That the said duty & imposition shall be from time to time paid and Satisfied by the master and masters of every such Ship or vessell respectively in which any such Tobacco shall be exported upon his or their clearing and taking out of his and their dispatch & dispatches for every such respective Ship or vessell And before the departure of such Ship or vessell from this