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this act nor any thing therein contained shall repeal  
 nor be construed to repeal the perpetuall Law of this  
 Province Intituled An Act for the encouragement of  
 such as shall adventure in the Countreys Service  
 Provided also that this act nor any thing therein  
 contained shall not be construed or meant to discharge  
 the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary his heirs and  
 Successors from paying for armes and amunition  
 or other publick charge of this Province so far forth  
 as the moyety of the two Shillings p hogthead extims  
 according to an act of Assembly Intituled an act of  
 gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 Generall of Maryland made at an assembly held at  
 the city of St Maries the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1674  
 And to the end and intent that this His Lordships  
 Province and the Inhabitants thereof may be  
 the better secured and defended Your Lordships  
 most humble servants the members of the upper  
 and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly  
 doe humbly pray that it may be enacted and be it  
 further enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary  
 by and with the advice and consent of the upper  
 and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly  
 That the said Lord Proprietary his heirs and Successors  
 within eighteen months after Publication hereof &  
 during the payment of the two Shillings p hogthead  
 shall provide and maintain out of the aforesaid  
 moyety besides a sufficient standing Magazine  
 for this Province a sufficient quantity of armes and  
 amunition in every respective County for such number  
 of men as shall at any time be thought necessary to be  
 drawn out or compelled to march out of such their  
 respective Countreys in actuall service for the Lord  
 Proprietary and defence of this Province to be deposited  
 and kept in such persons hands Inhabitants of the  
 same County as his Lordship or his Lieutenant  
 Generall or Lieutenant Generall and Council shall  
 think fit to appoint to keep the same That hereafter  
 upon any urgent or extraordinary occasion for the  
 defence of this Province his Lordships Officers and the  
 people may be supplied from thence that see the  
 Inhabitants of this Province may not have their  
 armes and amunition liable to the seizure of  
 personasters and their Officers without which armes  
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