

to Relieveth them, according as the Gouvernour & Counsele  
then present, or other Judge(s) in his or their best discretion,  
shall think fit. And the Constable in every hundred,  
taking one other sufficient able man along with him, shall  
be allowed and paid by every respective offender against  
this present act, fiftie pounds of tobacco for every acre  
that he shall fixe short of that proportion aforesaid, re-  
spectibely to be divided equally betwixt the said Constable  
and the person so assisting him, as aforesaid.

May 1674 An Act of Gratitudo to his Excellency Charles  
Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>. Cap<sup>t</sup> gon<sup>e</sup> of Maryland.

Whereas by an act made at a gen<sup>e</sup> Assembly held  
at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the  
39<sup>th</sup> year of his Lopp<sup>s</sup> dominion over this Province: anno  
Dom. 1671. Entituled An act for the raisong & providing  
a support for his Lopp the Lord & Prop<sup>r</sup> of this Province  
during his naturall life; and likewise a supply towards  
the defraying the publick Chargers of government; it was Enacted  
that from and after the first day of September then next coming  
there should be raised, levied, collected and payd unto y<sup>e</sup>  
Lopp, y<sup>e</sup> heirs and Successors, Lords and Prop<sup>r</sup> of this  
Province, the sume of two shillings sterl<sup>ng</sup> for every  
& quantity of a hhd of tobacco wh<sup>ch</sup> should be at any time  
then after shipped in any Ships or boates, to be exported  
out of this Province, or any the territories, Islands, Ports  
Rivers, Creeks or Places therunto belonging: and it was  
also therby Enacted, that the said duty & imposition