

... of this province shall from and after the end of this session of the Assembly
a duty or imposition of three pence for every Hogstrand of Tobacco and the
like duty of three pence for every five hundred pounds of Tobacco contained
in Chests Boxes or Cases of Tobacco that shall be exported out of this province
by Land or Water to be raised levied and paid to her Majesty towards the
paying the publick Charge of this province by all Masters of Ships or
other Vessels Trading into this province in ready Money and to be collected
by the Naval Officer of the port or District where such Ships or Vessels shall
be.

AND the said Naval Officers are directed and required by this Act
to receive the same in ready Money accordingly and the said Officers
shall account and pay for the said imposition of three pence per Hogstrand
and the three pence for every five hundred pounds of Tobacco contained as
above in ready Money to the Treasurers of this province who are
thereby required to render account thereof and pay the same in ready
Money to the Generall Assembly.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and
with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that the said imposition of three pence
per Hogstrand and three pence for every five hundred pounds of Tobacco
contained as above shall be appropriated by the Generall Assembly of this
province to wards the paying of the publick Charge thereof and to no other
use what soever.

AND be it further Enacted and declared by the Authority
aforesaid by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid that if any
Tobacco should by any Casual Means be lost after the imposition
paid that then and in all such Cases the Owner or Freight of all such
Tobacco shall have free liberty to freight and ship off the like quantity
again without paying the said imposition.

This Act to continue for three years or the end of the next Session of
Assembly which shall first happen after the said three years.

September 29th 1704

Read and assented to by the House
of the great Wayland stand

September 29th 1704

Read and assented by her Majestys Hon^{ble}
Council Wladu Council.

Maryland October 3rd 1704

On Behalf of her Majesty's Council
Wladu Council.

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