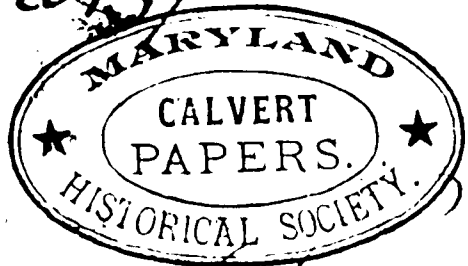


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An Act for the Raising and providing a Support for his Lordship the Lord Proprietor of this Province during his naturall Life and likewise a supply towards the defraying the publick Charges of the Government

The upper and lower Houses of this present Generall Assembly with all imaginable Gratitude and Thankfullness reflecting upon the great Grace and favour expressed by your Lordship to the People of this Province in the unwearyed Care which your Lordship hath shown and the vast expences and Charge which your Lordship hath been put to from the time of their first Seating in this your Lordships Province unto this Instant merely to preserve them in the Enjoyment of their Lives and Liberties and the Increase and Improvement of their Estates and fortunes, and taking into their Consideration that a Govern-ment is necessary for the Conservation of all Societies the Charge of every Government (without which it cannot possibly Subsist) ought in Reason to be born by those whose Conservations Depend upon the Government for and towards the defraying the many great and necessary expences of Government, and to the Intent your Lordship and your Heirs and Successors absolute Lords and Proprietors of this Province may for the future be Enabled in some measure to defray the same, And in particular to allow convenient Salaries and Encouragement to the Secy. & Generall and chief Governours and to the privy Council of the Lord and Proprietor of this Province for the time being so as without prejudice to their private Affairs they may be encouraged and reasonably required to attend unto the Administration of Justice and other publick Concernments do 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 Proprietor of this Province and unto his Heirs and Successors Lords and Proprietors of this Province the Sum of Two Shillings Sterling for every Hoghead or quantity of an Hoghead of Tobacco which shall be at any time then after shipped in any Ship or Vessel to be Exported out of this Province or any other the Territories Islands Ports, Rivers, Creeks or places thereunto Belonging

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