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therefore most humbly prayed that the Kings most Excellent Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant that it may be enacted - And be it enacted by his said Majesty by & with the advice & Consent of his Majesty's Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the Authority of the same that from & after the twenty ninth day of September next there shall be raised levied & collected & paid to the Kings most Excellent Majesty his heirs & successors for the support of his Government for the time being in & over this his Province of Maryland & the Territory's to the same belonging for every Hogshead of Tobacco w^{ch} shall be shipped in any ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province or any the Territory's Islands Ports Rivers Creeks or places there unto belonging on or after the twenty ninth day of September aforesd the sume of fifteen pence sterling in lieu & stead of the twelve pence sterling formerly imposed on every Hogshead of the afore mentioned former gauge & for every hundred weight of Tobacco exported in Box Chest Barrel or Case two pence halfe penny sterling & so pro rata for a greater or lesser quantity - And be it further enacted that the said duty & imposition shall be from time to time paid & satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such ship or Vessel respectively in which any such tobacco shall be ~~in~~ reported upon his or their Clearing or taking out his or their dispatch or dispatches for every such respective ship or Vessel & before the departure of such ship or Vessel & the Master or Masters of every such ship or Vessel coming ^{into the Province} shall at their first arrival here & before their loading on board any goods or Commodities of the growth production or Manufacture of this Province give good & sufficient security to his Excellency or to the Officer thereunto specially appointed for the paym^t of the said duty or imposition accordingly - And whereas this present Generall assembly on notice of the decease of the right hono^{ble} Stephen Charles Lord Baltimore late Proprietary of this Province have made their humble application to the right hono^{ble} Benedict Leonard Lord Baltimore present Lord Proprietary thereof that he would bee favourably pleased to accept of his rents & fines for alienations in Tobacco at two pence sterling per pound in such manner & on such Condition & terms as his Noble Ancestors have heretofore done for the greater ease to their Tenants in the paym^t of their rents & the better to encourage the Cultivation & settlem^t of the remoter parts of this their proprietor shipp And forasmuch as the gratuity formerly settled on his said Lordships Ancestors for such their favours was raised by an Impost of twelve pence on the exportation of every Hogshead or four hundred pounds of Tobacco w^{ch} Impost is determined by the death of the said late Lord Proprietory so that at present his Lordships rents are payable in Money But forasmuch as to Continue the paym^t thereof in Money would be wholly -