

allowed in the County Levy ^{shall} forasmuch as by the Enlargement of the
 hogsheads from the gage of thirty Inches ^{to the} Diameter of the head to this
 Present Gage a Larger Quantity of Tobacco will be Exported in each hogshead
 whereby the severall Duties and Imposts on Tobacco will be Evidently, re-
 trench'd and Lessen'd unless a just regard be had to the preservation of them
 in their usuall Worth and Value which this present Generall Assembly is
 highly oblig'd to, those duties being generally apply'd to the Support of Govern-
 ment and for other the most Important affaires of the province. And if
 therefore it is not only Just but Necessary that the duties upon the hogsheads
 which shall be of the gage herein Directed should be in some Sort Enlarged
 proportionably to the Enlargment of the said Gage It is therefore most
 humbly pray'd that His Lordship the Lord proprietor will be favourably
 pleas'd to grant that it may be Enacted, ^{And} best Enacted
 by his said Lordship by and with the advice and Consent of that from and
 after the Twenty Ninth day of September next there shall be Levy'd collected
 and raised to the right honourable the Lord proprietor his heirs and Successors
 for every hogshead of Tobacco which shall be shipped in any Ship or Vessel to
 be Exported out of this province or any the territories Islands ports rivers creeks
 or places thereto belonging after the Twenty Ninth day of September and the
 Sum of fifteen pence Stere in Lion and stead of the Twelve pence Sterling
 formerly Imposed on every hogshead of the forementioned Gage and for
 every Hundred Weight of Tobacco Exported in box Chest Barrell or Case two pence
 half penny Sterling and so pro rata for a greater or Lesser Quantity, provided
 always that the money that shall be raised by the said duty shall be apply'd
 to those ends and uses for which it has hitherto been raised Viztly for the Sup-
 port of his Lordships Governm't within this province in manner following and
 not otherwise, that is to say, three pence of the said fifteen pence per hogshead,
 for the purchasing Armes and Ammunition for the maintaining a Magazine
 for the better defence of this province and for the due preservation thereof to be
 Collected by the proper officer and paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of this pro-
 vince for the Time being to be disposed of to the use as the Governour &
 Council for the time being shall Direct the other twelve pence to his Lordships
 Governour for the time being actually Inhabiting and residing within this
 province for the better Enabling him to Support the honour and Dignity of Govern-
 ment and Effectually to Execute the powers and authorities to him Committed
 to be Collected by the proper Officers by him Appointed and paid to such Governour
 as aforesaid. And in case of the death or absence of such Governour the one half
 of the twelve pence apply'd to the Governour as aforesaid that shall arise in such
 Vacancy.