

Vacancy shall be applied to the maintenance and Support of such of his
 Lordships Councils shall then provide the other halves to be applied
 towards the building and house for his Lordships Governour and be Lodged
 in the public Treasurers hands for that use And be it further enacted
 that the said duty and Impost shall be from time to time paid and satis-
 fied by the master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively in
 which any such tobacco shall be Landed upon his or their Clearing or taking
 out his or their dispatch or dispatches for every such respective ship or
 Vessel and before the departure of such Ship or Vessel and the master
 or Masters of every such ship or Vessel coming into this province shall
 at their first Arrival here and before their Loading on board any goods
 or Commodities of the growth production or Manufacture of this province
 give good and suff Security to his Excellency the Governour or the Officer
 thereunto especially appointed for the payment of the duty or imposition
 accordingly. And Whereas the Generall Assembly of this province
 on the twenty sixth day of April Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and
 fifteen made their humble Application to the Late Right Honourable
 Benedict Leonard Lord Baron of Baltimore that he would be favourably
 pleased to accept of his rents and fines for Alienations in Tob.^o at two pence
 Sterling per pound in such manner and on such conditions and Terms as
 his Noble ancestors have heretofore done for the greater ease to their tenants
 in the payment of their rents and the better to Encourage the Cultivation
 and settle most of the remoter parts of this their proprietorship.

And Forasmuch as the gratuity formerly settled on his said Lordships
 ancestors before the decease of the late Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron
 of Baltimore was raised by an Impost of twelve pence on the exportation
 of every hogshead or four hundred pounds of tobacco which Impost deter-
 mined by the death of the said Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron of
 Baltimore so that thereby his Lordships rent became payable in money.

But Forasmuch as to have continued the payment thereof in money
 would have been wholly Impracticable from the great Scarcity of it amongst
 us and that it would not only have loded much to the disappointment of
 his Lordship in receipt of his rents but also to the Oppression of such tenants
 as held lands under Conditions of such punctuall payment as the tenour
 of their grants requires and to the disinheritting many who would have
 been obliged to Surrender their Estates for want of ability to Comply there-
 with which in all probability would have proved a shock to the future
 (Cultivation)