

Rents became payable in money. But forasmuch as to have continued the
 paym^t thereof in money would have been wholly Impracticable from the great
 Scarcity of it amongst us and that it would not only have touded much to the
 Disappointment of his Lordship in the receipt of his rents, but also to the
 Oppression of such Tenants as held Lands under Condition of such punctuall
 payments as the Tenor of their Grants requires and to the dishonouring many
 who would have been Obliged to Surrender their Estates for want of Ability to Compe
 therewith which in all probability would have proved a Check to the future Cultiva
 tion of the remote and forest Lands of this province being parts of his Majes
 ty's Dominions all which Inconveniencies that Generall Assembly most Earnestly
 desired might be provided against AND forasmuch as y^e Quantity of tobacco
 then usually Exported or which might be Exported in hoggstead of the gage by this
 Act Settled Exceeds the Quantity which was Commonly reputed to be the Contents of
 a hoggstead at y^e time when the rate twelue pence of hoggstead was Settled on
 his Lordships Ancestors for their Making easy the payment of his Rents
 and fines for Alienations &c and also for that altho the number of hoggsteads
 Annually Reported hath much Increased since that Time, yet for that the
 Vallue of his Lordships Rents hath much more Increased a Law then passed
 for raising an Ingost of Eighteen pence Store of hoggstead and three pence
 Store of hundred on tobacco Exported out of this Province in box Chest Barrell or
 Case for the use of the said Lord proprietor in Consideration of his laboring
 his Rents and alienation fines in Tobacco at two pence Store of pound

AND WHEREAS his present Lordship the Right Honble Charles Lord
 Baron of Baltimore since the decease of his Noble father the late Lord Bene
 dict has Signified to this present Generall Assembly his Willingness to
 accept of an Additionall Duty of Six pence Store of hoggstead in full Satisfac
 tion of his Quit Rents and fines for Alienations shall arise or grow due
 within this province during the Continuance of this Act which is thought
 by the Generall Assembly to tend to the Good of the Generality of the poor
 sort of planters and Especially of those Orphans who had Landed within this
 province. Be it Enacted by the Right honourable the Lord pro
 prietary by and with the advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and y^e
 upper and lower houses of Assembly and by the Authority of the same shall

(Signed)