

Courts.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the County-Court of the County of Worcester aforesaid shall be held on the First Tuesdays of the Months of March, June, August, and November, Yearly; and that the Assizes in the said County shall begin and be held on the Thursdays before the Assizes in Somerset County; and that the Assizes and County-Courts for Somerset County, after the last Day of November next, shall be held at Princess Anne-Town aforesaid; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

An Act for Raising a Duty of Three Half-pence Sterling *per* Hoghead, on all Tobacco Exported out of this Province, for the use of the Governor.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary has been pleased to Constitute and Appoint his Excellency *Thomas Bladen, Esq;* his Lieutenant Governor in and over this his Province of *Maryland*, to whom we yield all due Deference; and the better to Demonstrate the good Respect we have for and towards the said *Thomas Bladen, Esq;* our present Governor, and the great Hopes and Expectation we have of his Excellency's good and mild Government over us, We most humbly pray that it may be Enacted,

An additional Duty on Tobacco for the use of the Governor.

*And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That an Imposition of Three Half-pence Sterling per Hoghead, over and above the Duties already Imposed on the Export of Tobacco, upon all Tobacco that shall be Exported out of this Province, after the last Day of this Session of Assembly, by Land or by Water, and Three Half-pence Sterling upon every Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, be it in Chest or Case, to be Paid by the Master of every Ship or Vessel, or other Person Trading into or Living in this Province, in Sterling Money of Great-Britain, or Bills of Exchange, at the Election or Choice of the said Master or Others, to be Collected by the Naval Officer of the Port or District where such Ship or Vessel shall Enter, and to be paid by the Naval Officers aforesaid, to his Excellency *Thomas Bladen, Esq;* Lieutenant Governor in and over this Province, for his proper Use and better Support.*

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Tobacco shall by any casualty be lost, after the aforesaid Imposition paid, that then and in all such Cases, the Owner or Owners of any such Ship or Vessel, or other Person paying the same, shall have free Liberty to Freight and Ship off the like quantity without paying the said Three Half-pence.

This Act to continue till the last Day of *October* which shall be in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Forty-three, and no longer.

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