

III. SAVING to his most sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, and all Bodies politic and corporate, and all others not mentioned in this Act, their several and respective Rights.

An Act for raising a Duty of Three Halfpence Sterling *per* Hoghead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Use of the Governor.

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, has been pleased to constitute and appoint his Excellency *Horatio Sharpe*, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor in and over this 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 *Horatio Sharpe*, Esquire, our present Governor, and the great Hopes and Expectations we have of his Excellency's good and mild Government over us, we most humbly pray that it may be Enacted,

Three Halfpence Sterling *per* Hoghead, to be paid on all Tobacco ship'd, for the Use of the Governor.

II. *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 Halfpence Sterling *per* Hoghead, over and above the Duty already imposed on the Export of Tobacco, upon all Tobacco that shall be exported out of this Province after the First Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three, by Land or by Water, and Three Halfpence Sterling upon every Three 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, 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 be paid by the Naval-Officers aforesaid to his Excellency *Horatio Sharpe*, Esquire, his Lordship's Governor in and over this Province, for his proper Use.

In Case of Loss of any Tobaccos.

III. *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 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 Halfpence.

Continuance of this Act.

IV. **T**HIS Act to continue until the First Day of *December*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four.

This Act to cease in Case of the Governor's Death or Removal.

V. **P**ROVIDED always, That if the said *Horatio Sharpe*, Esquire, shall die, or be removed from being Governor of this Province, before the said First Day of *December*, Seventeen Hundred and Fifty Four, then this Act shall cease from the Time of his said Death or Removal; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.