duly comes to be applied and paid to the Lord Proprietary in Consideration of this great goodness and Condescention in taking his alienation fines and Quit Rents in Tobacco at two pence per pound as his noble Ancestors have heretofore done for the greater ease of their Tenants in the payment of their Rents and the better to incourage Cultivation of Tobacco and Settlements of the remoter parts of this their Province and the better to Enable his Lordship to Support the Government of this his province and for as much as the Imposition formerly settled of two shillings per hundred is now determined on the death of Charles late Lord Proprietary so that the Rents due to the present Lord Proprietary are payable in money and that it would not only tend much to the discouragement of this Lord ships receipt of his Rents But also the manifest disadvantage of such Tenants as should hold their Lands under Conditions of such punctual payments and the Tenure of their Grants requires and to the discouraging many who would be obliged to surrender their Water for want of ability to Comply therewith which in all probability would give a great Check to the future Cultivation of the remote and Forrest Lands of this province and be a Cause to Disuade those remoter Inhabitants to desist Wholly (but poor) Improvements all which Inconveniencies this present Generall Assembly most humbly desire may be provided against

And forasmuch as the Quantity of Tobacco now usually Exported or which may be Exported in an Acre of the Rate by this Act settled Exceeds the Quantity which Commonly reputed to be the Contents of an Acre at the time when the aforesaid Imposition of two Shillings per Hund was settled and also shall alter the number of Plants annually Exported are Incouraged since that time Got for that the value of this Lord ships Rents are much more Incouraged

Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by the Right Honble Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province with the advice and Consent of the upper and Lower House of this Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the same That from the Seventh day of September last there shall be raised Levyed and Collected for every Hund of Tobacco as shall be Shipped in any Ship or Vessell to be Exported out of this Province or any the Territories Islands Ports Rivers Creeks or Places thereunto belonging the Sume of two Shillings and nine pence Sterl and for every Hundred weight five pence the money and so pro rato for a greater or lesser quantity in recompence and full Satisfaction to his Lordship any Lord Proprietary for accepting the Alienation fines and quitt rents (formerly in money) in Tobacco at two pence per pound and the better to Enable him to Support the Government of this Province

And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said duty and imposition shall be from time to time paid and Satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessell respectively in which any such Tobacco shall be Exported upon his or their entering or clearing his or their Ship or Vessell or dispatches for every such respective Ship or Vessell and before the Departure of such Ship or Vessell and the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessell Coming into this Province shall at their first arrivall there before their Lading on board any goods or Commodities of the growth production or manufacture of this Province give good and Sufficient Security to the Lord Proprietary his

(Governo.)