

unto had, may appear. And which said Act your Committee humbly
 conceive continued in force until the Year 1715, at which Time also
 an Act passed at a Session of Assembly held on the 26th day of April,
 in the said Year, entituled, *An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare*
of Tobacco Hogsheads, and to prevent cropping and defacing Tobacco
taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight, and for laying Impositions
on Tobacco per the Hogshead for the Support of Government, and for the
encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the manner of
Paying the Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents to the Lord Proprietary
of this Province, on the Conditions therein mentioned; by which Act
 it is among other things recited, 'That forasmuch as by the Enlarge-
 ment of Tobacco Hogsheads from the late Gauge of Thirty Inches in
 the Diameter of the Head to the Gauge therein before ascertained and
 enacted, a larger quantity of Tobacco would be Exported in each
 Hogshead, whereby the several Duties and Imposts on Tobacco by the
 Hogshead, would be evidently retrenched and lessen'd, unless a just regard
 should be had to the preservation of them in their usual Worth and Value,
 which the then present General Assembly was highly obliged to, those
 Duties having been generally applied to the Support of Government,
 and for other the most important Affairs of this Province, and that
 therefore it was not only Just but Necessary, that the Duties upon the
 Hogsheads which should be of the Gauge in the said Act directed, should
 be in some sort enlarged proportionably to the enlargement of the said
 Gauge; It was therefore by the said Act also Enacted; that from and
 after the 29th day of September then next, there should be raised, levied,
 collected and paid to the King's most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and
 Successors for the Support of his Government for the Time being in and
 over this his Province of *Maryland*, and the Territories to the same be-
 longing, for every Hogshead of Tobacco which should be shipped in
 any Ship or Vessel to be Exported out of this Province, or any the Ter-
 ritories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks or Places thereunto belonging,
 on or after the 29th day of September aforesaid, the Sum of *Fifteen*
Pence Sterling, in lieu and stead of the *Twelve Pence* Sterling formerly
 imposed on every Hogshead of the aforementioned former Gauge, and
 for every Hundred Weight of Tobacco Exported in Box, Chest, Barrel
 or Case, *Two Pence half penny* Sterling, and so *pro rata* for a greater
 or lesser quantity: And it is also by the said Act recited, that whereas
 the then present General Assembly on Notice of the Decease of the
 Right Honourable *Charles Lord Baltimore*, then late Proprietary of
 this Province, had made their humble Application to the Right Ho-
 nourable *Benedict Leonard Lord Baltimore*, then Lord Proprietary
 thereof, that he would be favourably pleased to accept of his Rents and
 Fines for Alienations in Tobacco at *Two Pence* Sterling per Pound, in
 such manner and on such condition and terms as his Noble Ancestors
 had theretofore done, for the greater Ease to their Tenants in the Pay-
 ment of their Rents, and the better to encourage the Cultivations and
 Settlement of the remoter Parts of this their Proprietorship, and that
 forasmuch as the Gratuity formerly settled on his said Lordship's An-
 cestors for such their Favours, was raised by Impost of *Twelve Pence* on
 the Exportation of every Hogshead or Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco,
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