

which Impost was determined by the Death of the said then late Lord Proprietary, so that at the Time of making this Act his Lordship's Rents were payable in Money; but that forasmuch as to continue the Payment thereof in Money would be wholly Impracticable from the great Scarcity of it, and that it would not only tend much to the Disappointment of his Lordship in the Receipt of his Rents, but also to the Oppression of such Tenants as should hold their Lands under Conditions of such punctual Payment as the tenour of their Grants requires, and to the Disinheriting many who would be obliged to surrender their Estates for want of Ability to comply therewith, which in all probability would put a great Check to the future Cultivating the remote and forest Lands of this Province, and be a Cause to several of those remoter Inhabitants to desert, their (yet but poor) Improvements, to the lessening the Revenue of the Crown and discouraging the Enlargement of his Majesty's Dominion in these Parts; all which Inconveniences the then present General Assembly most earnestly desired might be provided against; and reciting also, that the quantity of Tobacco then usually Exported, or which might be Exported in a Hoghead of the Gauge by this Act settled, exceeded the quantity which was commonly reputed to be the Contents of an Hoghead at the Time when the aforesaid *Twelve Pence* per Hoghead was settled on his Lordship's Ancestors, for the making Easy the Payment of his Rents and Fines for Alienations aforesaid, and also for that altho' the Number of Hogheads annually Exported were increased since that Time, yet for that the value of his Lordship's Rents were much more encreased; It is by the said Act Enacted, that from and after the 29th day of *September* then next, there should be raised, levied and collected for every Hoghead of Tobacco, which should be shipped in any Ship or Vessel to be Exported out of this Province, or any the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks or Places thereunto belonging, the Sum of *Eighteen Pence* Sterling, and for every Hundred weight of Tobacco Exported in Box, Chest, Barrel or Case *Three Pence* Sterling, and so *pro rato* for a greater or lesser quantity to the King's most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the uses hereafter mention'd (over and above the aforesaid *Fifteen Pence* per Hoghead herein before Imposed) in lieu and stead of the *Twelve Pence* Sterling formerly Imposed on every Hoghead, and applied to the use of the then late Lords Proprietaries; and that the same Duty of *Eighteen Pence* per Hoghead, should after the 29th Day of *September* aforesaid, from time to time be paid and satisfied to the several and respective Naval Officers of this Province for the Time being, by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively, in which, &c. and that the said Naval Officers on receipt of the *Eighteen Pence* per Hoghead aforesaid, should be, and are by this Act obliged to render an Account of and pay the same to the Publick Treasurers of this Province, after the same manner they were required to Account for and pay the Duties raised to defray the Publick Charge of this Province, to be by such Treasurers accounted for and paid to the Right Honourable *Benedict Leonard* Lord *Baltimore*, then Proprietary of this Province, in case he should be favourably pleased to Accept the same, in consideration of his receiving his Quit Rents and Alienation Fines during the

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