

The following Bill was sent from the Lower House to the Upper House, *viz.*

An Act for Raising an Annual Revenue for the better Support of his Lordship's Government and Governor within this Province.

WHEREAS upon the most serious Consideration of the several Laws heretofore made for Raising and Levying Money, for the Support of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Government, in and over this Province, and Maintenance of his Governor for the Time being, it doth not appear to this present General Assembly, that there is any Law now in Force to raise a sufficient Support for that Purpose, but that from the Twenty Ninth Day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Two*, down to this Time, the Sum of *Twelve Pence* Sterling for every Hoghead of Tobacco, exported out of this Province, hath been Collected and Levied from the Inhabitants thereof, under Colour and Pretext of an Act of Assembly made the Fifth Day of *September*, *Seventeen Hundred and Four*, whilst this Government was immediately in the Crown, entituled, *An Act for Settlement of an Annual Revenue on her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being*, on a Supposition, or Misapprehension, that, that Act, whereby the said *Twelve Pence* was given to her late Majesty *Queen Anne*, her Heirs and Successors for the Support of her Government for the Time being, in and over this her Majesty's Province, did extend to the Lord Proprietary, his Governor and Government.

And whereas, after the most mature Deliberation, it manifestly appears to this General Assembly, that the Lord Proprietary is not within the Words of the aforesaid Act, nor by any reasonable Construction can be comprehended within the Sense and Meaning thereof, not only by what may be gathered from the different Acts heretofore made of the like kind, at the respective Times when this Government was in the Hands of the Proprietary, or in the Crown, whereby the aforesaid, or the like Duty in the one Case has been always given to the Proprietary and his Heirs, and in the other to the King or Queen, their Heirs and Successors for the Support of their Government and Governor for the Time being: But also from what appeared to have been the Sense of our present Lord Proprietary concerning the same, from the Time of his admission to the Government until the Year *Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Two* aforesaid, by his Assenting and becoming a Party to several Acts made in that Time, for raising a Duty for the Support of his Government, in every of which the said Duty has been expressly given to himself and his Heirs, without mentioning the King, and likewise by his Assenting to and Passing another Act now subsisting, entituled, *An Act for transferring the Payment of all such Fines or Forfeitures, as shall hereafter arise or happen upon the breach of any the Penal Laws of this Province, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor*, although the Words by which these Fines and Forfeitures are given to the Kings and Queens aforesaid, are exactly the same with those which give the *Twelve Pence* per Hoghead in the Act of

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