

*Seventeen Hundred and Four*, and forasmuch as it is not the intention of this Assembly to deprive the Right Honourable the present Lord Proprietary of a sufficient and honourable Support for his Government and Governor for the Time being in and over this Province, but only to assert and maintain to themselves, their Constituents and Posterity, that principal and most essential Branch of Liberty, which they conceive themselves entitled to, as Subjects of *Great Britain*, of not being liable to the Payment of any Money, Tax, Impost, or Duty, except such as shall be warranted, raised and assessed by Laws made by themselves and the other Branches of the Legislative Body of this Province.

It is therefore humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

*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 for and during the Continuance of this Act, the Sum of *Twelve Pence* Sterling Money of *Great Britain*, shall be Raised, Levied and Collected, for every Hoghead and Quantity of an Hoghead of Tobacco, which shall at any Time after the End of this Session of Assembly be shipped or put on board any Ship or Vessel to be Exported out of this Province, or any the Territories thereto belonging, which said Sums shall be Collected and Received by the several Naval Officers of this Province, of and from the Masters or Commanders of such Ships or Vessels, at the Time or Times of their Clearing out the said Vessels at the respective Custom Houses of this Province, and the same so Collected and Levied, shall be paid to his said Lordship, his Heirs or Successors, or to such other Person or Persons as he or they shall Authorize and Appoint to receive the same, to be by the said Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, used and applied for the Support of his Lordship's Government and Governor within this Province, in the same Manner and to all and every other Ends and Uses as the said Duty had been formerly applied by the Acts of this Province Granting the same to his Lordship's Noble Predecessors, and since his said Lordship's being restored to this Government, the same Duty has been Paid and Granted for, and not otherwise.

This Act to continue until the Twenty Ninth Day of *September* which shall be in the Year of our Lord *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Two*.

By the Upper House of Assembly, *May 31. 1739.*

*Gentlemen,*

**U**Pon considering the Bill for raising an Annual Revenue for the better Support of his Lordship's Government and Governor within this Province, we have thought fit not to Pass it, and we are perswaded you will, upon re-considering that Bill, concur with us, in the reasonableness of our Refusal.