

An Act for Settlement of an Annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being.

WHereas by an Act of Assembly formerly made, entituled *An Act for providing a Support for the Lord Proprietary of this Province, and likewise a Supply for Defraying the Publick Charge of the Government*, it was by the said Act Published and Declared, That from and after the first Day of *September* then next ensuing, there should be raised, levied, collected and paid to the said Lord Proprietary, the Sum of *Two Shillings* Sterling for every Hoghead or quantity of a Hoghead of Tobacco, which should be at any Time thereafter shipped in any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province, on Condition that his said Lordship should receive his Rents and Fines for Alienation of Lands in good found Merchantable Tobacco when Tendred, at the rate of *Two Pence* per Pound for one Moiety of the said Imposition, the other Moiety by the said Act raised, to be employed towards maintaining a constant Magazine, and defraying other publick and necessary Charges of the Government. And whereas former Assemblies upon strict enquiry made into the Premises, did find his said Lordship had not only been very deficient and at small Charge and Expence in maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid, but that this Province hath been obliged to defray all publick Charges arising for the Support of Government by way of an equal Assessment upon the Inhabitants thereof, the several Provisoos in the afore-recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding. And whereas also his said Lordship the aforesaid Moiety of *Two Shillings* per Hoghead, under Pretext of maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid (until the Time of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary* taking this Province under their immediate Protection) did convert to his own Use, to the impoverishing of the Country, and Defraud of the Publick, and being incapacitated of complying with what by the said Act for the said Moiety of *Two Shillings* per Hoghead is required.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the said One Shilling per Hoghead for the defraying the Charges of Government aforesaid, as well for such Ships or Vessels as have already Cleared before the making of this Act, as for such remaining in this Province, be raised, levied, collected and paid unto our Sovereign Lady the Queen's most excellent Majesty, her Heirs and Successors for the Support of her Government for the Time being, in and over this her Majesty's Province aforesaid, and the Territories to the same belonging, for every Hoghead and quantity of an Hoghead of Tobacco which hath been for and during the Time aforesaid, or which hereafter shall be at any time 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 as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said Duty and Imposition shall be from Time to Time paid and satisfied by the Master or Masters of every such