

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 rata* 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 severall 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 receiying his Quit Rents and Alienation Fines during the continuance of this Act, in Tobacco at the rate of *Two Pence* Sterling per Pound, after such Acceptance by his said Lordship should be duly signified to this Province: And that in case his Lordship should not think fit to Accept thereof in manner aforesaid, then the said Duties to be applied towards the defraying the Publick Charge of this Province: And 'tis also by the said Act Enacted, that the same should continue in force till the End of the next Session of Assembly that should happen after the 10th day of *May* then next, and no longer, as by the said Act, relation thereunto being had, may appear. And by Virtue of which last recited Act, your Committee humbly conceive, the said Duty for Support of Government was levied and raised, until his Majesty King *George* of Glorious Memory, was pleased to restore to the Government of this Province, the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord *Baltimore*, the present Lord Proprietary of this Province.

Your Committee humbly observe further, that upon his Lordship's being so Restored, and the Government again Changed, from his Majesty's to a Proprietary Government in the Year 1716, an Act Passed at a Session of Assembly, held the 17th day of *July*, in the First Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable *Charles* Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, &c. and in the Year of our Lord aforesaid,