

Government, and for putting our selves in the best and speediest Posture of Defence we are able; humbly Pray 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 there shall be Levied, Collected and Raised, a Duty or Impost of Three Pence Sterling Money on every Hogshead of Tobacco, which now is, or hereafter shall be, loaden on board any Ship or Vessel to be Exported out of this Province, and not Cleared at some Naval-Office before the End of this present Session of Assembly, to be Collected and Received by the respective Naval-Officers, in the same manner as other Duties on all Tobacco now due and payable are Collected and Raised, which said Duty shall from Time to Time, by the Naval-Officers aforesaid, be Paid to Philip Hammond of Anne-Arundel County, Esq;*

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the same Philip Hammond, Esq; shall, with the Money which he shall so Receive by Virtue of this Act, send for, and purchase for the Use and Defence of this Province, such Arms, Ammunition, and other War-like Stores, as his Excellency his Lordship's present Governor, or his Lordship's Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, shall Direct and Appoint.*

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Naval-Officers aforesaid, shall from Time to Time make and render to both Houses of Assembly of this Province, sufficient and clear Accounts, of all Monies which they shall receive by Virtue of this Act, and that the same Philip Hammond shall from Time to Time Render to both Houses of Assembly, Accounts of what Monies he shall receive by virtue of this Act, and how the same shall have been disposed of.*

*And be it further Enacted, That the said several Naval-Officers, for Collecting and Receiving the Duty aforesaid, and Paying the same to the aforesaid Philip Hammond, shall take and be allowed the Salary of Five per Cent. for such Part as they shall Collect or Receive as Naval-Officers aforesaid, and that the same Philip Hammond shall receive Two Pounds and one half Pound, per Cent. for laying out and applying such Money*

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