

Calvert
Papers. Government For Lord Baltimore is but his Majesty's Hereditary Gov^r and at most has but the Utile Dominum. So that it will always be the Kings Govern^t & Consequently intended to be & Provided for by any Act raising a Support for his Majesty's Government, In whatsoever hands the Administration is.

The next thing concluded by the Com^{it}tee is, "That when the Govern^t was restored to the Lord Proprietor the Act of Gauge & Tare was made for Support of his Lord^{ps} Govern^t & the other uses therein Expressed." It is certain the aforesaid Act Intituled An Act Ascertain^g the Gauge & Tare of Tobacco Hogsh^{ds} was made after Lord Baltimore was Admitted to the Administration of the Govern^t and by that Act a Support of Govern^t was raised. But upon Perusal of that Act It cannot appear or be suggested, that that Act was made upon an opinion or Iudgem^t that the Act of 1704 Did not provide for the support of the Gov^r as far as it went. But the true Reason of making such Act seems to be, Because the Assembly for the Reasons ment^d In that Act Iudged it Necessary to Increase the Support of Govern^t from 12^d to 15^d p^r Hogsh^d and also were desirous to loyn the composition and Agree^{mt} of the country with his Lord^p for his Quit-Rents & Alenation fines &c as well as the Gauge & Tare of Tobacco Hogsh^d in the same Act.

The Report mentions "That by what Acts appear to them at all times made for the Support of his Lord^{ps} Govern^t &c. the same has been Ioined with a consideration for his Quit-Rents & Alienation fines & w^h made it appear to the com^{it}tee that the Legislators always deemed their Granting towards the support of his Lord^{ps} Govern^t as a Mixed Consideration not only for that Particular use but towards a Compensation of the others likewise" What Acts did or did not Appear to them is Immaterial. But the Fact w^h is Endeavoured to be insinuated of a Mixed Consideration in such Acts is false. For by the Act made in 1638 Intituled "An Act Ordain^g certain Laws for the Govern^t of this Province" Also another Act made in 1641 Intituled An Act for Grant^s of one Shilling and by another Act made made in 1642 Intituled "An Act for support of Govern^{ts} These were Dutys laid for Support of Govern^t with^t any other Consideration than Gratitude to the Lord Proprietor for His Great Charge & care w^h his Lord^p had been put in Maintain^s the Govern^t & Protect^s the Inhabitants in their Persons Rights & Liberties &c. as Expressed in the said Act of 1641. with^t Inference of a Mixed Consideration Suggested in the Report. It seems as if the Com^{it}tee imagined the Govern^t when Administred by the Lord Baltimore or his Deputys ought not to be supported Unless his Lord^p wo^d make