

some Composition or Agreem^t with his Tenants in paym^t of their Quit-Rent &c. But it is presumed His Majesty will not suffer the Govern^t of any Part of his Dominions to be left Destitute or Deprived of a Support for such reasons. Calvert
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Upon the whole It appears by all the Acts made for the Support of Govern^t since 1661 that no less but sometimes more than One Shilling p^r hh^d has been thought a reasonable & Necessary Support of Govern^t And Even the Lo^r House who made this Application by Bill sent from them to the Upp^r House Did Iudge One shilling proper for such support of the Dignity of the Gov^r So that no Objection can be made to the Expectations of the Govern^t of Maryland as to the Quantum of the Support.

And further the Lo: House of Assembly in March 1732/3 were then Apprised of this Act of 1704 & that the Govern^t of Maryland wo^d relye on that Act for a Support If that Govern^t sho^d not by another Perpetual Law Equally well at least Supported. For in that Sessions a Temporary Bill for Support of Govern^t was sent from the then Lo: House to the Upp^r who Return'd the Bill to the Lo: House with two (amongst other) Amendm^{ts} to this Effect Viz^t To add a Clause to Repeal the said Perpetual Law of 1704 & to leave out the Temporary Duration of the Bill by w^h means It would be perpetual" But the Lo: House did not proceed any further in that Bill or Amend^{ts} & so the Bill drop'd. Notwithstanding w^h Notice of this Act & the Matter Debated, No Opposition (as I am informed) ever since (till now Suggested) has been made to the Act of 1704. But the same has been always Acquiesced in & the Duty constantly paid under it as every Merch^t in Maryland & that Trades to the Province is well knowⁿ thereof & can Testifye. Which Behaviour of the Assembly & people of Maryland (It is apprehended) Sufficiently testifies their Approbation & Consent to the Force & Effect of the Act of 1704. And of further Proof of the same & opinion of the Assembly in 1734 that the Act of 1704 was Sufficiently in force It is to be Observed, That during the time the Administration of the Govern^t was immediately under the Crown & whilst it was Supported by the said Act of 1704 3^d p^r Hogsh^d was raised for the Necessary Charges of the Govern^t which Necessary charges by Subsequent Acts were Explained & the 3^d raised thereby was appropriated for a Magazine & to Provide Arms & Ammunition. The same 3^d was raised also from the time of his late Lord^p having the Administration of the Govern^t by the same Temporary Acts w^h raised a Support for Govern^t & a Composition for his Lord^{ps} Quit-Rents & Alienation Fines, That Composition ceasing in Sep^r 1733. The Assembly held in 1737 made an Act to raise the 3^d with^t making any mention