

Bacon. Death or Absence of his Lordship's Governor, for the Time being, the First Person named by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, and in his Lordship's Commission, to be of his Lordship's Honourable Council, for the Time being, then living, and actually residing in this Province, and upon his Death or Absence, the next Person likewise named of his Lordship's said Council, actually living and residing as aforesaid, successively, shall immediately take upon him the Administration of the Government of this Province, and shall, with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Council, for the Time being, Execute all the Powers and Authorities which were or shall be given to such Governor, in relation to the Government, until the Return of such Governor, if absent, or until his Lordship's Pleasure shall be further known, or that he otherwise directs therein.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act,

Reverdy Ghiselin
Thomas Bacon

M. H. S. Collection. An Act to confirm his L^{dps} Acceptance of the 18^s p Hhd. formerly raised.

Whereas at a Session of Assembly begun & held at the City of Annapolis the 26th Day of April 1715, it was enacted that from & after the 29th Day of Sept^r 1715 there should be raised levied & Collected for every hh^d of Tob^o which should be 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 the Sum of 18^s Sterling & for every 100 weight of Tob^o exported in Box Chest Barrel or Case 3^s Sterling & pro rato for a greater or lesser quantity to the Kings most Excellent Majesty his Heirs & Successors to be applied to the use of & paid to the R^t Hon^{ble} Benedict Leonard L^d Baltimore L^d Proprietary of this Province in case he should be favorably pleased to accept the same in Consideration of his receiving his Quit Rents & Alienation Fines during the Continuance of said Act in Tob^o at the Rate of 2^d St^s p lb. but forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God that the said Benedict Leonard late L^d Proprietary of this Province departed this life before his pleasure was known whether he would accept the Imposition afores^d in Consideration af^d & now that his Excellency the Governor has signified to this Gen^l Assembly that the Right Hon^{ble} Charles L^d Baltimore present L^d Proprietary of this Province is willing to accept of the said Impost upon the said Consideration that was proposed to his deceased Father Be it therefore enacted by the R^t Hon^{ble} the L^d Proprietary by & with the