

of Govern<sup>t</sup> & for the Encouraging Settlements in this Province by ascertaining the manner of paying the Alienation Fines & Quit Rents to the Lord Proprietary of this Province on the Conditions therein mentioned made at a Session of Assembly begun & held at the Port of Annapolis the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1715 be & is hereby revived & continued in full force untill the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept<sup>r</sup> next & no longer. And whereas it is considered by this present General Assembly that the Levying & imposing the Additional Duty of Six pence p<sup>r</sup> Hhd. for his L<sup>dy</sup> in full Discharge of the Quit Rents & Fines for Alienations as af<sup>d</sup> will advance the whole Duty at present on Tob<sup>o</sup> exported out of this Province to the Sum of three Shillings & nine pence St<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Hhd. which will be so great a Burthen on the Tob<sup>o</sup> Trade that this General Assembly think it their Duty & absolutely necessary to ease it as far as in them lies, Be it therefore enacted by the Authority Advice & Consent af<sup>d</sup> that an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled an Act laying an Imposition of 3<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Hhd on Tob<sup>o</sup> for Defraying the Publick Charge of this Province made at a Session of Assembly begun & held at the City of Annapolis the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of June 1713 shall after the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept<sup>r</sup> next be hereby utterly repealed & made void provided also that from & after the said 29<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept<sup>r</sup> in Case of Shipwreck or other Loss of any Ship or Ships Vessel or Vessels so that the Tobaccoes therein laden be lost before the Delivery of such Ship or Vessel at the intended Port, then the Master Merchant or Owner of such Tobaccoes so laden & lost as af<sup>d</sup> who shall have paid the Duties afores<sup>d</sup> shall have liberty to ship at some other time so many Hhds of Tob<sup>o</sup> as they had formerly paid Impost Money for as af<sup>d</sup> free & clear of any the said Impositions. And be it further enacted & declared by the Authority af<sup>d</sup> by & with the Advice & Consent af<sup>d</sup> that the Publick of this Province shall not be burthened or charged with any Salary or Salaries for the Collecting all or any of the said Duties & Imposts herein before mentioned to be raised save only the Duty of 3<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Hh<sup>d</sup> on Tob<sup>o</sup> exported by this Act appropriated for the purchasing Arms & Ammunition for the Defence of this Province which shall & is hereby intended to be received by the several Naval Officers of the respective Ports where the same shall arise for which receiving they shall be allowed after the Rate of 8 p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> & be & are hereby obliged to account therefore with the publick Treasurers of this Province who shall render Acco<sup>t</sup> thereof to the General Assembly when thereunto required & which Treasurers for receiving accounting & paying the said Duties as may be directed according to

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