

Payment thereof in Money would have been wholly Impracticable from the great Scarcity of it amongst us; And that it would not only have Tended much to the disappointment of his Lordship in the Receipt of his Rents, but also to the Oppression of such Tenants as hold Lands under Condition of such Punctual Payments, as the Tenor of their Grants requires, and to the disinheriting many who would have been obliged to Surrender their Estates, for want of Ability to comply therewith, which in all probability would have proved a Check to the future Cultivation of the remote and Forc't Lands of this Province, being part of his Majesty's Dominions, all which Inconveniencies that General Assembly most earnestly desired might be provided against. And forasmuch as the Quantity of Tobacco then Usually exported, or which might be exported in a Hoghead of the Guage by this Act settled, exceeded the Quantity which was commonly reputed to be the Contents of a Hoghead, at the time when the aforesaid *Twelve Pence per Hoghead* was settled on his Lordship's Ancestors for their making easie the Payment of his Rents and Fines for Alienations aforesaid; and also, for that altho' the Number of Hogheads commonly exported, hath much increased since that time yet for that the Value of his Lordship's Rents hath much more increased, a Law then passed for raising an Impost of *Eighteen Pence Sterling per Hoghead, and Three Pence Sterling per Hundred on Tobacco*, exported out of this Province in Hoghead, Chest, Barrel or Case, for the Use of the said Lord Proprietary, in Consideration of his taking his Rents and Alienation Fines in Tobacco at *Two Pence Sterling per Pound*,

And whereas his Present Lordship, the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, since the decease of his noble Father, the late Lord *Benedict* has signified to this Present General Assembly his willingness to accept of an Additional Duty of *Six Pence Sterling per Hoghead*, in full Satisfaction of his Quit-Rents and Fines for Alienations that shall arise or grow due within this Province, during the continuance of this Act, which is thought by the General Assembly to tend to the good of the Generality of the poorer Sort of Planters, and especially of those Orphans who hold Lands within this Province.

*Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same,* That from and after this Present Session of Assembly, there shall be raised, levyed, collected and paid for every *Hoghead of Tobacco* which shall be Shipped in any Ship or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province, or any the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks or Places thereto belonging, the Sum of *Two Shillings Sterl.* and for every Hundred Weight of Tobacco exported in Box, Chest, Barrel or Case, *Four Pence Sterling*, and so pro Rato for a greater or lesser Quantity, to his Lordship, the Lord Proprietary, in full Discharge and Satisfaction of his Quit-Rents and Fines for Alienations, that shall arise or grow due within this Province, from and after the end of this Session of Assembly. And the said Duty of *Two Shillings Sterling per Hoghead*, shall, after the end of this Present Session, be paid to such Officers as his Lordship shall think fit to appoint to receive or collect the same by the Master or Masters of every such Ship or Vessel respectively, in which any such Tobacco shall be exported, on or after this Present Sesion, during the continuance of this Act, upon his or their Securing or taking out his or their Dispatch or Dispatches for every such respective Ship or Vessel, and before the departure of such Ship or Vessel, And the Master or Masters of every such

Two shillings per Hoghead to the Lord Proprietary.

In discharge of Quit-Rents, &c.

How to be Paid.