

of your House, but must remain in the same State as if you had never taken the same under your Consideration.

Of this Nature is the first Grievance set forth in your present Address relating to the *Fourteen Pence* per Ton, which his Lordship receives for every Vessel not properly belonging to this Province, which I must be so candid as to say, His Lordship has, in my Opinion, as good a Right to, as any Gentleman in your House, or in the Province, can have to his own Estate.

That no Man may find he has a worse Title to what he at present possesses, is a Wish that I believe very many will join with me very sincerely in; the Law of 1661 which you mention, having not only stood an Attack from the Lower House of Assembly, but from the whole Legislative Power of this Province, which Passed an Act to Repeal it, and take the said *Fourteen Pence* per Ton from his Lordship's Noble Ancestors, which Act was Dissented to by the Crown for the apparent Unjustness and Unreasonableness of it.

As I am inclined to believe you are not acquainted with all that passed at Home relating to this Affair, I shall here insert for your Satisfaction, the Report of the Solicitor-General, and the King's Order of Council thereupon.

At the Court at Whitehall, the 23d of February 1692.

P R E S E N T,

The K I N G's most Excellent Majesty,

Lord Archbishop of <i>Canterbury</i> ,	Lord Chamberlain,
Lord President,	Earl of <i>Bedford</i> ,
Lord Great Chamberlain,	Earl of <i>Bridgwater</i> , &c.

As to the Second Demand of Fourteen Pence per Ton for all Tobaccos exported out of that Province, I find by an Act of the Assembly of that Province in 1661, It was Enacted, that all Vessels whatsoever not properly belonging to that Province, having a Deck flush fore and aft, coming in and Trading within that Province, should pay for Port Duties and Anchorage a Pound of Powder and three Pound of Shot, or so much in value, for every Ton of Burthen, to the said Proprietor and his Heirs, which Duty hath by Usage been turned into Money, viz. Fourteen Pence per Ton, and so answered to the Lord Baltimore, and constantly applied to his own Use, and not to the Support of the Government, as the Lord Baltimore affirms to me; and by Order of Council of the 26th of February 1690, this Duty of Fourteen Pence per Ton, was directed to be answered to the Lord Baltimore as Proprietor of the Province, and likewise Instructions given Col. Copley Governor of Maryland, to permit the Lord Baltimore or his Agents to receive the same without any Disturbance or Interruption; and I conceive that upon the Words of the