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At a Session of asembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis in the County of annarundell the Eleventh Day of October in the fifth year of the Domⁿ of the Right Hon^{ble} Charles absolute Lord and Proprietarie of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. Annoq^{ue} Domⁱ Seventeen hundred and His Honour Charles Calvert Esq^r being Governour. —

Were enacted the Laws following (viz^t)

An act for Raising a Duty of three Pence ~~pp~~ ^{per} hh: on all Tobacco exported out of this Province for the Uses therein mentioned.

Whereas his Lordship the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietarie out of his great goodness has been Pleas^d to constitute & appoint his Honour Charles Calvert Esq^r his Lieutenant Governour in and over this his Province of Maryland to whome we his Lordships good people yield all Due Obedience as by his Comission we are obliged ~~to~~ And the better to Demonstrate our most humble Gratitude to his Lordships pious Inclinations and to shew the good Respects we have for and towards the said Charles Calvert Esq^r our Present Governour and the Great hopes and Expectation we have of his Honours good Government over us, we most Humbly pray that It may be enacted. #...#...#...#...

An be it enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and With the advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour & the Upper and Lower Houses of asembly and the authority of the Same that an Imposition of three pence ~~sterl~~ ^{per} hogshead over and above the Duties already imposed on the Export of Tob^{acco} upon all Tobacco that shall be hereafter exported out of this Province by Land or by water and three Pence ~~sterl~~ upon every four hundred pounds of Tob^{acco} be in Chest or ~~Cask~~ be paid by the Master of every Ship or Vessel or other person trading into or Liveing in this Province in ~~sterl~~ Money of Great Brittain or bills of Exchange at the Plection and Choice of the said Master or others to be Collected by the Naval Officer of the Port or District where such Ship or vessel shall Enter to be applyed to the Uses and In the Manner following (that is to say) three ~~half~~ Pence of the said three pence ~~pp~~ ^{per} hogshead so to be Collected as a ~~part~~ be applyed towards the Encouragement of one Publick School in every County within this Province (that is to say) one Equall share thereof towards the Support of each School, and the Remaining three ~~half~~ Pence so to be Collected as aforesaid be paid by the Naval Officers aforesaid to his Honour Charles Calvert Esq^r Lieutenant Governour in and over this ~~our~~ Province for his Use and better maintainance. #...#...#...#...

And be it further enacted and Declared by the authority of ~~us~~ that if any Tob^{acco} should by any Casuall means be Lost after the

(Imposition)