

Your Committee find, at a Session of Assembly held at the said Port the 20th day of March 1734, an Act did Pass, entituled, *An Act for raising Three Pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco to be Exported, for purchasing Arms and Ammunition*, which was to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which should happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years, and which Law, your Committee conceive will Expire with this Session.

Your said Committee beg leave further to acquaint your House, That they find an Act of Assembly, made and passed at a General Assembly begun and held at *St. Mary's* in this Province, the 27th day of *March*, in the Nine and Thirtieth Year of the Dominion of *Cæcilius, &c. Annoque Domini 1671*, entituled, *An Act for the raising and providing a Support for his Lordship the Lord and Proprietary of this Province during his Natural Life, and likewise a Supply towards the defraying the Publick Charges of Government*, by which said Act, 'tis among other things recited, That for and towards the defraying the many great and necessary Expences of Government, and to the Intent his Lordship, his Heirs and Successors, Absolute Lords and Proprietaries of this Province, might for the future be enabled in some measure to defray the same, and in particular, to allow competent Salaries and Encouragement to the Lieutenant Generals and Chief Governors, and to the Privy Council of the Lord and Proprietary of this Province for the Time being, so as without Prejudice to their private Affairs, they might be encouraged, and reasonably required to Attend unto the Administration of Justice, and other Publick Concernments: It is by the said Act among other Things Enacted, that from and after the first day of *September* then next coming, there should be raised, levied, collected, and paid, unto his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of this Province, the Sum of *Two Shillings* Sterling for every Hogshead and quantity of an Hogshead of Tobacco, which should be at any Time thereafter 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; Provided always, that one half of the Money by the said Act to be raised, be employed towards the maintaining a constant Magazine with Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province, and defraying other Publick necessary Charges of the Government; Provided always, that so long as the said Act should continue, his said Lordship, his Receiver or Receivers General, for the Time being, should receive good, sound and merchantable Tobacco, when tendred, for his said Lordship's Rents or Fines for Alienation of Lands, reserved upon the severall and respective Grants of Land in this Province, at the rate of *Two Pence* per Pound, any thing in his said

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