

to the Governor here actually Residing, was, as your said Committee conceives, the Cause that in 1717 another Act passed at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of *Annapolis* on the 28th day of *May* in the said Year, and in the First Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable *Charles*, Absolute Lord and Proprietary, &c. entitled, *An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Fare of Tobacco Hogsheads, and to prevent cropping, cutting and defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight, and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per the Hoghead for the Support of Government, and for the Encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the manner of Paying his Lordship's Alienation Fines and Quit Rents for the Term therein proposed, and for taking off the Three Pence per Hoghead formerly raised for the Publick Charge*; which among other Things recites, as is before-mentioned to be recited, concerning the Enlargement of the Gauge in the aforesaid Act, said to be Passed in the aforesaid Year 1715, And 'tis by the said Act among other Things Enacted, that from and after the End of the then present Session of Assembly, there should be levied collected and raised to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, for every Hoghead of Tobacco, which should 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, after the End of the then present Session of Assembly, the Sum of *Fifteen Pence* Sterling in lieu and stead of the *Twelve Pence* Sterling per Hoghead, formerly Imposed on every Hoghead of the aforesaid former Gauge, and for every Hundred weight of Tobacco Exported in Box, Chest, Barrel or Case *Two Pence half penny* Sterling, and so *pro rata* for a greater or lesser quantity; Provided always, that the Money that should be raised by the said Duty should be applied to those Ends and Uses for which it had to that Time been raised, viz. *Twelve Pence* of the aforesaid *Fifteen Pence* per Hoghead to the Lord Proprietor for the Support of Government, and the remaining *Three Pence* of the said *Fifteen Pence* per Hoghead for the Purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Maintaining a Magazine for the better Defence of this Province and for the due Preservation thereof, to be collected by the proper Officer, and paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of this Province for the Time being, to be disposed of to the Uses aforesaid, as the Governor and Council for the Time being should direct; Provided nevertheless, that in the Absence of the Lord Proprietary himself out of this Province, *One Shilling* part of the *Fifteen Pence* be applied towards the maintaining the Station and Dignity of his said Lordship's Lieutenant Governor actually Inhabiting and Residing within this Province, and to such other necessary Uses towards the Support and