

Rents and Alienation Fines, until the same determined on the 29th of September 1733.

Upon which determination of the Act aforesaid, as appears to your said Committee, his Lordship has ever since (under pretext and colour of the afore-recited obsolete Act of 1704, in the Reign of Queen *Anne* of Pious Memory) caused the said *Twelve Pence* Sterling per Hoghead to be levied, collected and raised to his own proper Use.

Your Committee humbly observe, that by the frequent Continuance and Re-enacting the said Act of 1692, during the Time wherein the Government and Protection of this Province was in the Crown, that the Legislators did not deem the same, or any of them, perpetual, but to have a Duration only with such Governor or Government.

Your Committee likewise observe, that it was the Sense of the Legislators, That Acts Granting to the Proprietary for Support of his Government, did not extend to that of the King, as is plainly manifested in the Act of 1692, that of 1676 being still un-repealed, and having expressly it's Duration with the Life of *Charles Lord Baltimore*, Lord Proprietary of this Province :

And again, When the Government was Restored to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, the Act of Gauge and Tare was made for Support of his Lordship's Government, and the other Uses therein expressed.

And with great Submission, your Committee humbly conceive, that the Sense of the Legislators in this Point is clearly expressed, that is, That the Act of 1704, or any other Act, Giving or Granting to his or her most Sacred Majesty, his or her Heirs and Successors, a Tax or other Duty, was not Meant or Intended to extend to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of *Maryland*, his Heirs or Assigns; and which is clearly evinced in the Act entituled, *An Act for transferring the Payment of all such Fines and Forfeitures as shall hereafter arise or happen upon the Breach of any Penal Laws of this Province to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor*, as by the said Act in the Printed Body of Laws, Folio 170, relation thereunto being had, may fully appear.

And we humbly presume, that in no Construction of the Words, Sense, Intendment or Reason of the said Act of Assembly, or by the Royal Charter, his Lordship can be any ways entitled to the said Duty Granted to her most Sacred Majesty of Pious Memory, her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of her Government for the Time being, his said Lordship, nor his Predecessors, being any ways Party to the said Law. The Grant of Customs and Subsidies in the Royal Charter being in the following Words; *Viz.*

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