

that Act, whereby the said *Twelve Pence* was given to her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, her Heirs and Successors for the Support of her Government for the Time being, in and over this her Majesty's Province, did extend to the Lord Proprietary, his Governor and Government.

And whereas, after the most mature Deliberation, it manifestly appears to this General Assembly, that the Lord Proprietary is not within the Words of the aforesaid Act, nor by any reasonable Construction can be comprehended within the Sense and Meaning thereof, not only by what may be gathered from the different Acts heretofore made of the like kind, at the respective Times when this Government was in the Hands of the Proprietary, or in the Crown, whereby the aforesaid, or the like Duty in the one Case has been always given to the Proprietary and his Heirs, and in the other to the King or Queen, their Heirs and Successors for the Support of their Government and Governor for the Time being: But also from what appeared to have been the Sense of our present Lord Proprietary concerning the same, from the Time of his admission to the Government until the Year *Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Two* aforesaid, by his Assenting and becoming a Party to several Acts made in that Time, for raising a Duty for the Support of his Government, in every of which the said Duty has been expressly given to himself and his Heirs, without mentioning the King, and likewise by his Assenting to and Passing another Act now subsisting, entituled, *An Act for transferring the Payment of all such Fines or Forfeitures as shall hereafter arise, or happen upon the breach of any the Penal Laws of this Province to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor*, although the Words by which these Fines and Forfeitures are given to the Kings and Queens aforesaid, are exactly the same with those which give the *Twelve Pence per Hoghead* in the Act of *Seventeen Hundred and Four* and for as much as it is not the intention of this Assembly to deprive the Right Honourable the present Lord Proprietary of a sufficient and Honourable Support for his Government and Governor for the Time being in and over this Province, but only to assert and maintain to themselves their Constituents and Posterity, that principal and most essential Branch of Liberty, which they conceive themselves entituled to, as Subjects of *Great Britain*, of not being liable to the Payment of any Money, Tax, Impost, or Duty, except such as shall be warranted, raised and assessed by Laws made by themselves and the other Branches of the Legislative Body of this Province.

It is therefore humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

*And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper*