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Act for Burgesses expences) and begin their Lymetation as if they were enacted the present sessions of assembly according to the Lymetation expressed in the s^d seuerall Acts. This Act to endure for three years or to the end of the next Gen^l Assembly.

An Act of Encouragem^t for W^m Smith
in his undertakinge the Cuntry's worck
at S^t Mary's

Whereas W^m Smith hath been and must bee att greate charge in the repairinge and keepinge in Repaire the Cuntry's howse at S^t Marys. Bee itt therefore Enacted by the right honor^{ble} the Lord prop^r by and wth the consent of the uper and lower house of this Gen^l Assembly That Eight Thousand pounds of Tobacco bee this p^rsent year paid him out of the publick Leauy, and hee the s^d Smith haue the benefitt of that bond whereby hannah Lee now the wife of W^m Prise was bound to couer the s^d Cuntry's house, and further the s^d Smith is hereby bound to keep the s^d house in Repaire and tenantable for seauen years and keep ordinary therein, and upon defaulte therein shall forfeite unto the cuntry ten thousand pounds of tobacco And whereas the s^d Smith did propose to this Assembly that if the cuntry would give him foure pounds tobacco p^r pole for foure yeares together and grant him a lease of the cuntry's Land for one and fifty years he would build a howse for the cuntry's use upon the s^d land after this moddel. That is to say forty foot square two storys and a half high, the first story to be ten foot cleare, the second story to be Eight foot cleare the half story four foot wth a hip rooffe with a tamett in the middle Eight foot cleare from the flatt of the roof: and underneath the said house a bricked sellar twenty four foot square and an addition of twelf foot to the s^d house to be diuided into four several roomes two storys high and to each roomc a chimney of brick and brick chimneys to all the other roomes in the s^d house, the s^d house to bee couered with tile or chingle and to bee wholly finished and completed as to dawbinge and glasinge four hundred feet of glass to be expended at the least and wheresoever else is necessary to the well finishinge and compleatinge of a house to bee p^rformed by the said Smith wthout any further charge to the cuntry then as before. Bee it therefore Enacted by the authority afores^d That foure pounds of Tobacco p^r pole bee Yearly Leauyed the four next ensuing years for the use of the s^d Smith, and that the s^d Smith haue a Lease of the s^d house and the cuntry's Land for one and fifty years and further the said Smith is hereby enjoyn'd to keep the ordinary duringe his abode