

ACTS

An Act for issuing and taking out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees appointed for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, the Sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, Current Money, for Encouragement of such able-bodied Freemen as shall voluntarily enlist themselves into his Majesty's Service, for the intended Expedition against Canada; and for maintaining and conveying them to the Place of Rendezvous: As also for replacing of the said Sum, and for the better regulating Ordinaries and Ordinary-Keepers, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

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Whereas his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, by his Letter, dated, Whitehall, April 9, 1746, to his Excellency Thomas Bladen, Esq; Governor of Maryland, has signified to him, that his Majesty has been pleased to order some Troops under Lieutenant-General St. Clair, from Great-Britain, and two Regiments at Louisburg, in Conjunction with such Troops as should be levied in North-America, for the immediate Reduction of Canada; and therein signified the Royal Pleasure, that his said Excellency should forthwith make the necessary Dispositions for raising as many Men within this Province as the Shortness of the Time would admit; which Men, so raised, to be formed into Companies of one hundred each, and officer'd by Persons nominated by him the said Thomas Bladen, Esq; and with those to be raised in the Provinces of New-York, New-Jerseys, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, to be formed into Corps, to be commanded by Mr. Gooch, Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, whom his Majesty had been pleased on that Occasion to promote to the Rank of Brigadier-General; and that they the said Forces should rendezvous at Albany within the Province of New-York, or at such other Place as the said Mr. Gooch should think proper: And therein likewise recommended, that Arms should be provided for the said Men so to be raised within this Province, and for which Arms the said Lieutenant-General St. Clair was authorized and empowered by his Majesty to pay. And whereas, by the said Letter, it is expected that the said Thomas Bladen, Esq; would recommend it to the Council and Assembly of Maryland, to provide a sufficient Quantity of Provisions for the Subsistence of the Troops. And for that it is impracticable for his Excellency the Governor to purchase a suitable Quantity of Arms within this Province, or in the neighbouring Governments, to arm compleatly the Number of Men which it is hoped and expected may be raised within this Province, whereby his Majesty's Service in that Particular might be retarded, unless the same

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