

the Majority of them, are hereby impowered and authorized, to apply the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, (to be paid to Them in Manner herein after directed,) in and towards such Repairs of the Council-House, the Stadt-House, and the Parade, in *Annapolis*, as they shall think most proper: And that the Commissioners, or Trustees, for emitting the Bills of Credit, by Act of Assembly, shall issue and pay the said Money, according to the Directions of the said *Benjamin Tasker, Edmund Jennings, Richard Francis, Philip Hammond, Vachel Denton, and Robert Gordon*, or the major Part of them.

An Act for relieving sundry Inhabitants in this Province, from the Charges of Prosecutions for not burning Tobacco, in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly, intituled, An Act for Emitting and making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds, Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit.

FORASMUCH as many Persons, by the Act of Assembly, intituled, *An Act for Emitting and making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds, Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*, are required to burn One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco for each Taxable, by the Shortness of the last Crops, have not been, nor are, able so to do, but are willing to pay the Twenty Shillings imposed in Lieu thereof; and yet subject to an expensive Prosecution in the County Courts: For Prevention whereof,

BE it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of the several County Courts shall receive all such Sums of Money, as are or shall become due by Means of the said Act for the not burning Tobacco, that shall be tendered to them; and that all Persons that have or shall make Default in burning the Tobacco by the said Act required, (whereof Prosecutions are not already begun for the same,) by the Payment or Tendering, as aforesaid, of the Twenty Shillings per Taxable, for every Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco by such Person neglected to be burnt, unto the Justices of the County Court where the Neglect hath or shall happen, or to any Person or Persons by them authorized, shall be freed from all Prosecutions and Charges for the not burning Tobacco, as aforesaid; and that the Justices of the County Courts, when it shall appear, by comparing the Constables Lists with the Burners Lists, that any Person hath made or shall make Default in burning Tobacco, shall call the Party supposed to have failed in his Duty before them, by Summons, or otherwise; and if such Person appears to have made Default, to give Judgment in a Summary Way for the Twenty Shillings per Taxable, and award Execution thereon, if Occasion be, without any other Cost to the Party charged, than that of the Clerk's and Sheriff's Fees for Summons, Judgment, and Execution.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Justices of the County Courts shall, by the Twenty Fifth Day of December next, transmit to the Commissioners of the Paper Currency