

of the County, and if the Claims or Debts of any one Freeman Inlisting as aforesaid, shall not in the whole amount to more than *Five Pounds*, then such Agent shall pay the *Five Pounds* due by virtue of this Act, or so much thereof as the said Debts shall amount unto, to such Creditor or Creditors respectively according to their several Claims, and if any Dispute should arise between the Debtor and Creditor concerning the Justice of any such Claim or Debt, the same shall be determined by such Agent, who is hereby Impowered in a summary way to Hear and Determine the same; But if upon the Claims aforesaid of the Creditor or Creditors it shall appear to such Agent that any inlisted Freeman aforesaid owes more than *Five Pounds* in the whole, then such Freeman whose Debts amount to above *Five Pounds* shall not be entitled to the Bounty aforesaid, and shall be equally liable to his Creditors as if this Act had never been made.

*And be it further Enacted*, That every Freeman Inlisted as aforesaid, shall by virtue of this Act be free and exempted from any Arrest for Debt from the Time of setting up the Advertisements aforesaid for the space of Ten Days from thence next following. And that no Person whatsoever shall Sue, Arrest or Implead any Freeman Inlisted as aforesaid for any Claim or Debt not Claimed or Produced to such Agent within the Ten Days aforesaid.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That in case the said intended Expedition shall be put off by his Majesty, and that the Commissions mentioned in the aforesaid Letter of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, shall not be sent into this Province for the Inlisting Men as aforesaid for his Majesty's Service under the Command of General *Spotswood*, or other General appointed by his Majesty, at or before the Fifteenth Day of *May*, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One*, Or that in case the said Expedition shall be Prosecuted and Commissions shall be sent in as aforesaid, and that contrary to the Hopes and Desire of this present General Assembly the number of Men cannot be had who may voluntarily Inlist themselves for his Majesty's Service within this Province as aforesaid, whereby the said Sum shall not be wholly applied as herein before directed, that then and in such cases, the said several and respective Agents herein before named for the several and respective Counties of this Province, shall be and are hereby obliged to repay into the said Office unto the said Commissioners or Trustees appointed for Emitting the Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly for the Time being, the said several and respective Sums so as aforesaid by them received, or such Balance or Balances as shall remain in their or either of their Hands respectively and unpaid or unapplied to the Uses or Purposes aforesaid, and that such Commissioners be hereby obliged to sign Receipts to the said Agents respectively for the same, and that such Receipts returned to the then next General Assembly to be Held for this Province shall be deemed and taken as a sufficient Discharge and Acquittance to such Agent or Agents respectively for such Sum or Sums as shall be in the said several and respective Receipts contained, and that the said Commissioners or Trustees appointed for Emitting the Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly for the Time being, shall give Credit in the Books of the said Office for such several and respective Sums as shall to them be so repaid by the respective Agents as aforesaid. And that they the said Commissioners or Trustees be and are hereby made chargeable with the said Money so repaid in the same manner as for other Money or Bills of Credit by them received or lodged in the said Office for the use of the Publick of the Province aforesaid, and that the same be applied to any uses for which it had been heretofore appropriated by any Law of this Province heretofore made and at the Time of such repayment in Force.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid*, That the aforesaid several and respective Sums of Money so as aforesaid to be issued and paid to the Agents aforesaid, or so much thereof as shall be applied to the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, shall be Assessed on the Taxable Inhabitants of this Province, in the Publick Levy, in Three different Years, by three equal Portions, That is to say, One third Part to be Assessed in the Publick Levy which shall be in the Year of our Lord *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One*, and the other two third Parts in the two succeeding Years severally. And that the several Sums so Assessed, shall be Collected and Levied of and from the several Taxables aforesaid, by the Sheriffs of the respective Counties aforesaid, and be by them paid to the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid, on or before the last Day of *May* Yearly after such Collections, together with the Sheriffs Salary of *Five Pounds per Centum* thereon, which Money so repaid to the Commissioners