

An Act to Enforce the Collection and Payment of the public Charge of this Province, pursuant to an Act of Assembly Entituled, *An Act for the Assessment of the public Charge of this Province*, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the Twenty-sixth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* 1741.

WHEREAS, the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary hath declared his Disapprobation of an Act of Assembly of this Province, passed the Twenty-second Day of *June*, *Anno Domini* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-one, Entituled, *An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the public Charge of this Province*, as appears by a Proclamation bearing Date at *Annapolis*, the Seventeenth Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-two; by means of which the several Sheriffs, who, before the issuing of that Proclamation, had collected the greatest Part of the Moneys directed to be levied by that Act, did immediately forbear collecting the Residue thereof, and several of them have, and still do retain in their Hands such Part thereof as they had collected, and refused to pay the same to the Creditors of the Public, for whose Use the same had been collected and levied, to the great Detriment of the public Credit, and many other Inconveniences to the good People of this Province: For Remedy whereof,

Preamble.

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 and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication hereof, the several Sheriffs within this Province, who had begun the Levying and Collecting the Money aforesaid, shall, and are hereby required and directed to Levy and Collect the Residue of the said Money, now remaining uncollected in their respective Counties, according to the Directions, Powers, and Authorities, in the above-recited Act contained and mentioned, and the same so levied and collected together, with such Part thereof as has been already Collected, to Account for, and pay to the several public Creditors in their respective Counties, according to the Assessment and Apportionment of the Committee appointed by the said Act, on, or before the Twentieth Day of *December* next.

Public Debt to be paid by *Decemb. 20th.*

And for as much as some Persons, who were Sheriffs at the Time of making the aforesaid Act, and had collected Part of the said Money, are now out of their Offices or may be out of their Offices before the aforesaid Twentieth Day of *December*, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That the same several Persons shall, and are hereby enabled, required, and authorized to Levy, Collect, and Pay the Money aforesaid, according to the Directions aforesaid, and of this Act; the Expiration of their said Offices, or any Law, Statute, Usage, Custom, Matter, or Thing, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sheriffs now out of Office, are to finish the Collection of the public Charge.