

An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the Public Charge
of this Province.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, there is the Sums of Four Hundred Seventy-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence Current Money, and Six Hundred and Seven Thousand Six Hundred and One Pounds of Tobacco, due from the Public of this Province to the several Creditors thereof, as appears by the Journal of Accounts Assented to by both Houses of this present Session of Assembly: For the Discharge and Payment whereof,

Sums to be
levied.

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 the Sums of Four Hundred Seventy-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence Current Money, and Six Hundred and Seven Thousand Six Hundred and One Pounds of Tobacco, together with a Salary of Five Pounds *per Cent.* thereon, for Collection, to the several Sheriffs who shall collect and pay the same, shall be Assessed and Levied from the several Taxable Inhabitants of this Province, by an equal Levy or Assessment this Year.

Names of the
Persons who
compose the
Committee.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Honourable Edmund Jennings, Esq; Col. Charles Hammond, Philip Thomas, Esq; and Daniel Dulany, Esq; of the Upper House, and that Mr. Philip Hammond, Dr. Charles Carroll, Mr. Henry Hall, and Mr. Thomas Worthington, of the Lower House of Assembly, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby appointed, a Committee to meet together at the City of *Annapolis*, on the Tenth Day of *November* next, then and there to Assess and Apportion the aforesaid Sums of Money and Tobacco, with the Salary aforesaid thereon, by even and equal Portions, on the Taxable Inhabitants aforesaid, and particularly to Order and Direct how much thereof shall be Levied and Collected by the Sheriff of each respective County, and to what Persons, being Public Creditors, the respective Sheriffs shall Pay the same, and a fair Journal of all and singular their Proceedings in the Premises, to make and deliver to the Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, to be laid before the next General Assembly thereafter to be held for this Province.

And whereas by an Act of Assembly, entituled, *An Act for issuing and paying out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly, the Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Ten Shillings Current Money in Bills of Credit, for the Encouragement of Persons voluntarily Enlisting themselves in his Majesty's Service,* it is Enacted, That one Third Part of the said Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, or so much thereof as should be applied to the Uses in the said Act mentioned, should be Taxed on the Taxable Inhabitants of this Province in the Public Levy this Year.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committee, or the major Part of them, shall settle and assess one Third Part of so much