

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

Preamble.

WHEREAS there are the Sums of Twelve Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds One Shilling and Six-pence, Current Money, and Two Millions Six Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Four Hundred and Fourteen Pounds of Tobacco, due from the Public of this Province to the several Creditors thereof, as appears by the Journals of Accounts assented to by both Houses of this present Session of Assembly: For the Discharge and Payment whereof,

Money-Creditors to be satisfied by the Treasurers.

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 Sum of Twelve Hundred Thirty-three Pounds One Shilling and Six-pence Current Money aforesaid, be paid by the Treasurers of this Province out of the public Money in their Hands, to the several and respective Creditors mentioned in the said Journals of Accounts, and who have Credits given them in said Journals, in Money; and that the Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly give Certificates to the several and respective Money-Creditors on said Journals; and on producing such Certificate or Certificates to the said Treasurers, or either of them, they shall pay the several Sums to be mentioned in said Certificate or Certificates, to the Parties entitled thereto; and that the Quantity of Two Millions Six Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Four Hundred and Fourteen Pounds of Tobacco, together with a Salary of Ten Pounds *per Centum* 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.

Commissioners appointed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Honourable Benjamin Tasker, Esq; Edmund Jennings, Esq; Col. Charles Hammond, Philip Thomas, Esq; Daniel Dulany, Esq; and Col. Benjamin Tasker, of the Upper House, and that the Honourable Col. Edward Sprigg, Dr. Charles Carroll, Major Thomas Sberedine, Mr. Thomas Worthington, Mr. Turner Wootton, and Major Henry Hall, 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 first Tuesday of October next, then and there to assess and apportion the aforesaid Quantity of 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.

Recital of a former Law, for levying Money,

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 the said Sum of Money was to 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 Public Levy, which should 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.

What yet remains due,

And whereas there is still remaining one Payment more to be made to the said Commissioners to compleat the said Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Ten Shillings Current Money in Bills of Credit, to 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 the remaining Part of the said Sum of Money,