

confined for the Space of five Days, and then sent by the Sheriff of such County to their respective Places of Residence, unless Security be given for his, her or their good Behaviour and Appearance at the next County Court.

VII. *AND be it further Enacted, That if any of the said late Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, after the first Day of June next, being Persons of Ability of Body, shall use wandering and loitering, and refuse to work for reasonable Wages, every such Person shall, upon their Apprehension by Order of any Justice of the Peace, be sent to the Public Goal of the County where he, she or they shall reside, there to remain until he, she or they shall be willing to Labour for Subsistence.* Neutrals, who shall refuse to work, how to be treated.

VIII. *T H I S Act to continue for one Year from the End of this Session of Assembly, and no longer.* Continuance.

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

I. **W**HEREAS there are the Sums of One thousand five hundred and thirty-eight Pounds twelve Shillings and eight Pence Current Money and Four millions six hundred and five thousand nine hundred and ninety-six Pounds of Tobacco, due from the Public of this Province to the several Creditors thereof, as appears by the Journal of Accounts, as ordered to by both Houses of this present Session of Assembly: For the greater Ease in the discharge and Payment whereof,

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II. *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 Seven hundred sixty-nine Pounds six Shillings and four Pence Current Money, and Two millions three hundred and two thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight Pounds of Tobacco, being one Moiety of the Amount of the said Journal of Accounts, together with the Sheriff's Salary of Five Pounds per Centum thereon for Collection to the several Sheriffs, who shall collect and pay the same, shall be levied from the several taxable Inhabitants of this Province, by an equal Levy and Assessment, according to the Lists to be returned this present Year.* One Moiety of the Public Debts to be levied in 1756.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Honourable Colonel Charles Hammond, Samuel Chamberlaine, and Philip Thomas, Esquires, Colonel Benjamin Cooper, Richard Lee, and Benedict Calvert, Esquires, of the Upper House, and the Honourable Philip Hammond, Robert Lloyd, John Goldsborough, Matthew Tilghman, Walter Dulany, and John Gassaway, Esquires, of the Lower House of Assembly, or the Survivors of them, or the major Part of them, be and are hereby appointed a Committee to meet together, at the City of Annapolis, on the third Tuesday of October next, then and there to assess and apportion the aforesaid Sums of Seven hundred and sixty-nine Pounds six Shillings and four Pence Current Money, and Two millions three hundred and two thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight Pounds 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.* A Committee appointed to meet, to assess and apportion one Moiety of the Public Levy.

IV. *AND be it further Enacted, That the said Committee, or the Survivors of them, or the major Part of them, shall, and they are hereby appointed and directed to meet again, at the City of Annapolis, on the third Tuesday of October, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, then and there to assess and apportion the Sums of Seven hundred and sixty-nine Pounds six Shillings and four Pence Current Money, and Two Millions three hundred and two thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight Pounds of Tobacco, the other Moiety of the Amount of the Journal of Accounts, assented to this present Session of Assembly, with the Salary aforesaid thereon, by even and equal Portions, on the taxable Inhabitants of this Province, according to the Amount of the Lists thereof to be returned for that Year, and particularly to order and direct how much thereof shall be levied and collected by the Sheriffs of each respective County, and to what Persons, being public Creditors, the respective Sheriffs shall pay the same; and a fair Journal as aforesaid to make and deliver as aforesaid, to be laid before the next General Assembly, that shall be thereafter held for this Province.* A Committee appointed to meet again, in 1757, to assess and apportion the other Moiety of the Public Levy.

V. *AND be it further Enacted, That the several and respective Sheriffs aforesaid shall, and are hereby obliged to collect and levy so much of the aforesaid Sums of Money and Tobacco as to them respectively by the Committee aforesaid, shall be appointed, and the same to pay to the several Persons, and in such Proportion, as by the said Committee, or the major Part of them, shall be directed.* Sheriffs to observe the Directions of the Committee.

VI. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Sums of Money and Tobacco shall and may be collected and levied by Way of Execution, in such Manner as the County Levies are usually collected. Always saving to the good People of this Province their Right in discharging the Tobacco-Assessments in Current Money, as by the Laws of this Province are provided.* To be collected in the same Manner as the County Levies.