

Peace or Warr doe Pray it may be enacted and bee it there-  
fore enacted by the Right Honorable the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> by and  
with the advice and consent of the Upper and Lower houses  
of this present Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the  
same that there be leavyed & rayed this present yeare the  
sume of Fifty thousand pounds of Tobacco by an equall  
assesm<sup>t</sup> upon the persons and Estates of the Inhabitants of this  
Province to be payd to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of this Province to bee by him disposed of as hee  
and his Councill shall thinke meete for and towards the defray-  
ing all such Charges and expences as shall be laid out and  
expended in and about the carrying on or making any Warr  
or Peace withe the Susquehannough Indians or any other their  
Confederates Indians or with the Cynego Indians if his Excel-  
lency and Councill shall thinke expedient to make such warr  
or peace this present yeare to be expeditiously & done and in  
case the said Warr or Peace shall forthwith be psecuted and  
made and that itt shall happen the said fifty thousand pounds  
of tobacco so hereby to be leavied as aforesaid shall not  
appeare to his Excellency and Councill to bee sufficient for the  
defraying of the Charges aforesaid, so that it shall fall out his  
Excellency or Councill or any other person or persons shall neces-  
sarily expend Lay out or lend upon the Publique Faith in  
further prosecution of the said Warr and procuring such peace  
as aforesaid any sume or sumes of tobacco whatsoever the  
delegates of the Lower house of Assembly doe hereby ingage  
the Publique Faith that all such person or persons that have so  
paid lent or layd out the same as aforesaid shall and will at  
their next Sessions or meeting of the Assembly pay and satisfie  
all such accompts, paym<sup>ts</sup>, disbursem<sup>ts</sup> and Loanes aforesaid  
such person or persons at the same assembly then making their  
just accounts, Loans & Demands duely to appeare to be  
necessarily expended lent and laid out in defence of the  
Country and making & psecuting such Warr or Peace as  
aforesaid, this Act to endure for three years or to the end of  
the next Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly which shall first happen.

His Lordshipp declareth these to be Lawes

Charles Calvert.

Memorandum.

These Acts passed under the  
Greate Seale 16<sup>th</sup> June 1674  
Philip Calvert Canc<sup>r</sup>

An Act Empowering the Governor and Councill to Leavey the  
Charge for making warr or peace with the Indians.

Whereas diverse Charges may arrise for the necessary  
Defense and Safety of the Inhabitants of the Province either in