Chap. XXII An Act impowering a Committee to lay, assess, and apportion the Publick Levy, for this present Year, One Thousand Seven Hundered and Thirty One.

Whereas, this present General Assembly have, for the defraying the Publick Charge of this Province, to the Thirty First Day of August last, raised a certain Sum of Tobacco, and Money, amounting to Two Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Five Pounds of Tobacco, and Eighty Six Pounds Five Shillings, current Money, as by the Journal of the Committee of Accounts appears: But by Reason more Publick Charges may arise and grow due, before the usual and accustomed Time of Paiment which is the Tenth Day of November, yearly; at which Time, again to call and convene the whole Assembly for that Occasion only, considering the great Number of them, and the Remoteness of their Habitation from the Place appointed, would be very chargeable and troublesome to the whole Province in general:

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 Honourable Charles Calvert, Esq; Col. William Holland, Philemon Lloyd, Esq; Benjamin Tasker, Esq; and Philip Lee, Esq; Members of His Lordship's Honourable Upper House of Assembly; and the Honourable Col. John Mackall, Col. Thomas Trueman Greenfield, James Harris, Esq; John Beale, Esq; Col. John Fendal, Col. Levin Gale, James Holliday, Esq; Col. William Ennalls, Mr. William Hamilton, Mr. Ralph Crabb, Mr. William Hemsley, and Mr. Joshua George, now of the Honourable Lower House of Assembly, or the major Part of them, be and appear at the City of Annapolis, the Fourth Tuesday of October next, then and there to lay and assess the Publick Levy, already raised; and also to allow, levy, and assess what further Charges may accrue, which to them shall justly appear to be due from the publick not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco and Two Hundred Pounds current Money of this Province, more than what is already raised, and likewise to apportion, order, and pay out of the Publick Treasury of this Province, the Sum of Eighty Six Pounds Five Shillings current Money of this Province, to the Several Perp. 27 sons to whom the same shall be due, as by the Journal of the Committee of Accounts appears; and a fair Journal of their Proceedings to be delivered to the Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, for

Satisfaction of all Persons therewith concerned, by the Thirtieth Day