

Session Laws teen Hundred and Thirty Six, be, and is hereby Revived and Continued to be and remain in full Force, for and during the Term of Three Years next ensuing, and unto the end of the next Session of Assembly that shall happen after the end of the said Three Years.

Chapter XI An Act for the Benefit of the Poor and Encouragement of Industry.

Preamble. [Continued by 1744 Ch. 19 and expired July 1747.] Whereas several Inhabitants of this Province, especially the poorer sort, cannot provide necessary Cloathing, particularly Linen, for themselves and their Families, by their produce of their Crops of Tobacco in the present low state of that Commodity, and that making Linen Cloth of Flax and Hemp of the Growth of the Country, would be of great Advantage to the People thereof in general, and therefore, and to the end that so useful and beneficial a Work may be Encouraged, It is prayed that it may be Enacted,

*And 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 at the next November County Courts within this Province, and at every November Court during the continuance of this Act, the Justices of each respective County Court, shall levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of each respective County, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* Current Money of *Maryland*, in the same manner as other County Charges are levied, together with the Sheriff's Salary, to be applied to the Uses and Purposes following, (That is to say) *Six Pounds* to be paid to the Person who shall bring to *August* Court which shall be in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Forty One, and to every *August* Court afterwards, during the continuance of this Act, the best Piece of Linen Cloth of Twenty Yards at least in length, and one Yard wide at least, The Sum of *Five Pounds*, to such Person as shall bring the Second best Piece in quality, of the length and breadth aforesaid, The Sum of *Four Pounds Five Shillings*, to the Person who shall bring the third Piece in quality of the length and breadth aforesaid, The Sum of *Three Pounds Ten Shillings*, to the Person who shall bring the fourth Piece in quality of the length and breadth aforesaid, The Sum of *Two Pounds Ten Shillings*, to the Person who shall bring the fifth Piece in quality of the length and Breadth aforesaid, in which said Pieces of Linen, regard shall be had to the quality and whiteness of the Linen.

*And be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That the remaining part of the said *Thirty Pounds* so to be levied as aforesaid by virtue of this Act, shall be paid and applied to the several Persons and Uses following, To the Person who shall bring into the *August* Courts aforementioned, the Sixth best Piece of Linen of the length aforesaid, and not under Seven Eights of a yard wide, the Sum of *Two Pounds Five Shillings*, To the Person

The remaining part of the 30 Pound how dispos'd of.

30 Pounds to be Levied in each County for the Encouragement of making Linen Cloth.

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