

Whereof I doe direct & Require of you that no such Officers for the future be appointed wthout Your Privy or Consent, or the Governour for the time being and to be removed at Pleasure, & of this Our Instruction you are to Acquaint the Secretary & Commis-
 sary and to take Care it be Complyd with.

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2^{dly} You are to suffer no Law relating to the Paper Currency to pass without Sending the said Tax over first for my perusal, it Being Absolutely necessary for the Trade of his Majestys Subjects here to Consult wth them on that Head

You are to Cause these our Instructions to be Entered in the Journall of the Counsell

Given under Our hand and Seal at London this Twenty Eighth day of Decem^r in the Twenty ninth Year of our Dominion over the said Province Annoq Domini 1743

By his Lordships Command Jn^o Browning, Secretary

The usual Way of Raising Money in Maryland for the Defence of the Province & to defray other Publick Charges ever since the Province was settled has been by a Levy or Assessment on all the Taxable Inhabitants.

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All Persons both White, Black & Mulattoes, that are Sixteen Years old or upwards except White Women are accounted Taxables.

In the Month of June every Year the severall Constables are obliged to go to all the Housekeepers in their respective Hundreds & to demand from each of them a List of the Taxables residing in his or her Family, at the ensuing Court the Constables return those Lists to the Clerks of their respective Counties, afterwards each Clerk makes out one List of all the Taxables in his County & returns it under the Seal of his Office to the Clerk of the Council & a Copy thereof to the Secretary's Office. When the Legislature meet & agree upon the sum to be raised, they pass the Act for raising it by the Mode above mentioned viz. by a Poll Tax, in Consequence thereof, the severall Sheriffs at the Time of Collection (which is in the Months of May & June) demand from the severall Housekeepers & other Freemen within their severall Counties the Poll Tax that is leviable on them according to the Number of Taxable Persons that are in their Families.

For the Trouble of Collecting the Sheriffs are impowered to retain in their own hands a Commission of Six p C^t The Remainder they are by the Condition of their Office Bonds obliged to pay into the hands of the publick Treasurers, who are accountable to the General Assembly.

As the Number of Taxables in the severall Families is in general proportionable to the Fortunes or Estates of the People (the Estates in Maryland consisting for the most part in Negroes & Land, This Mode of Taxation has been adhered to as equitable & it is by far the easiest Way of raising Money that can be proposed