

ACTS OF THE ASSEMBLY PASSED IN MARCH-MAY, 1758

Liber H. S. At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis
No. 1 on Tuesday the Twenty-eighth of March in the Seventh Year of the
p. 356 Dominion of the Right Honourable Frederick, Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, &c. Annoque Domini 1758 and Ending the Thirteenth day of May following.

The following Laws were Enacted and Assented to by his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governor.

No. 1 An Act for Encouragement of a Party of Cherokee Indians, which have been some Time on the Frontiers of this Province; and for Payment of the reasonable Expences of their Interpreter and Conductor.

[Preamble.] Whereas it is represented to this General Assembly, that a Party of upwards of Fifty Indians of the Cherokee Nation, have been, either on the Frontier of this Province ever since November last, or making Excursions for annoying the common Enemy, and that there is another small Party now in the City of Annapolis, offering their Service for the same Purpose: In order therefore to attach those Indians to the British Interest, and encourage them to continue their Excursions against the Enemy, which it is apprehended has always been, and will hereafter be, greatly instrumental towards the Protection and Quiet of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province;

[300 l. to be laid out in Goods for the Indians.] 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 Agents appointed by the Act of Assembly for Granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same, do immediately lay out, with the Approbation of his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, now in their Hands unexpended, in such Goods as may be judged most proper to be presented to the said Indians.

[Goods how to be disposed of.] And be it further Enacted, That his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; shall and may deliver such of the said Goods as he shall think proper, to the said Indians now in the City of Annapolis, and the Remainder thereof shall be, by the said Agents, forthwith conveyed to Fort Frederick, and, by the Commanding officer there, presented to the others of the said Indians.