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THE TAX LEVY OF WORCESTER COUNTY FOR THE
YEAR 1766

[THIS TAX LEVY FOR WORCESTER COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1766 WAS ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COURT HELD AT SNOWHILL TOWN ON DECEMBER 8, 1766. AS FAR AS HAS BEEN LEARNED, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A DETAILED PRE-REVOLUTIONARY MARYLAND COUNTY TAX LEVY HAS APPEARED IN PRINT. IT IS OF ESPECIAL INTEREST IN THIS CONNECTION AS THROWING SIDE-LIGHTS UPON SEVERAL MATTERS WHICH CAME BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE 1766-1768 PERIOD, AND ALSO BECAUSE IT SHOWS IN GREAT DETAIL THE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY WAS SPENT FOR THE SUPPORT OF A COUNTY GOVERNMENT. THE 118,513 POUNDS OF TOBACCO REQUIRED FOR THE ANNUAL SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY WAS TO BE RAISED BY A TAX OF 31 POUNDS OF TOBACCO ON EACH OF THE 3823 TAXABLE INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTY. THE LEVY IS DISCUSSED IN MORE DETAIL ON PAGES cvi-cviii.]

Worcester County to wit

At a Court of his Lordship the right Hon.^{ble} Frederick absolute Lord and Prop.^{ry} of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore & so forth. Held at Snowhill Town in and for the County af.^d the first Tuesday of November to wit the fourth Day of the same Month in the Year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred sixty and six by his said Lordships the right Hon.^{ble} the Lord Prop.^{ry} his Justices the Peace in and for the County af.^d to keep assigned of whom to wit at an Adjournment of the same Court held at Snowhill Town af.^d on Monday the eighth Day of December next after the said first Tuesday of November were

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Present.

The Respectfull	}	William Allen	}	William Ellegood	Esquires his said Lordships Justices
		John Scarborough		George Layfield	
		Joshua Mitchell		Benton Harris	
		John Evans		Adam Spence	
		Joseph Dirickson		and	
		John Selby		Joseph Dashiell	

Esme Bayly Shf

H Johnson Clk.

Which said Justices proceeded (agreeable to Act of Assembly) to Tax the several Inhabitants of Worcester County for the uses and purposes hereafter mentioned Viz.^t