Liber R. G. said Commissioners had been legally constituted a Body Politic and Corporate in Deed and in Name with Capacity to purchase

By the Lower House of Assembly Dec.<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1773 Read and Assented to Signed by Order John Duckett Clk. Lo: Ho:

On behalf of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province I will this be a Law Rob.<sup>t</sup> Eden By the Upper House of Assembly Dec. Isth 1773 Read and Assented to Signed by Order U. Scott Clk. Up: Ho:

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No. 9 An Act for the Relief of the poor in Ann Arundel County-

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Whereas the Trustees for the Poor of Ann Arundel County have represented to this present General Assembly that they have contracted with Workmen to erect an Alms and Work House and finish the same on or before the first Day of May next And that the Justices of Ann Arundel County are prohibited by Act of Assembly from Assessing or Levying any Tobacco or Money for the Support of such Poor as may be taken into said House untill the Month of November one Thousand seven hundred and seventy four in Consequence Whereof the said House will stand idle and useless to the County unless Provision be made to defray the expence that must attend the taking in and supporting the Poor in said House: All which Facts appearing to be true and that the said Work House will Probably be finished some time next summer

Justices to levy 10 lb. of Tobacco per Poll, to defray the Expence of supporting the Poor. Be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that the Justices of Ann Arundel County shall and they are hereby required at this laying of the County levy for the present Year to assess and levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Ann Arundel County a Sum not exceeding ten pounds of Tobacco per Poll together with the Sheriffs Salary of five per Cent for collecting the same which said Assessments so as aforesaid to be made and levied shall be collected the ensuing Year by the sheriff of said County from the Taxable Inhabitants of said County in the same Manner as Publick and County Levies are collected and paid to the Trustees of the Poor for said County to defray the Expence of taking in and supporting the Poor in said House

Tobacco may be paid in Money. And be it further enacted that the Taxable Inhabitants of said County shall be and they are hereby enabled to pay the Tobacco so assessed in Money at the same Rates and in the same Manner as other