

At a Session of *ASSEMBLY*, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, on Tuesday the 4th Day of *October*, in the 13th Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable *FREDERICK*, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, &c. and ended the 26th Day of *November*, Annoq; Domini 1763: The following Laws were Enacted.

HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An Act for the Adjournment of Baltimore County Court. Lib. H.S. fol. 430. Passed 31st Oct. 1763.

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Viz. From the first Tuesday of *November*, to the last Tuesday of the same Month.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for giving a Bounty for taking *Indian* Prisoners; and other Purposes therein mentioned. Lib. H.S. fol. 430. Passed 21st Nov. 1763.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) The Commissioners of the Loan Office, having a Sum of 2120 l. still remaining in their Hands, of the several Sums appropriated by the Act of 1756, ch. 19, to the Payment for *Indian* Prisoners or Scalps, were directed to pay thereout, unto *Daniel Cresap*, *Michael Cresap*, *John Walker*, *Nathan Friggs*, *William Young*, *Abraham Richardson*, and *Ezekiel Johnson*, 50 l. for the Reward of a Scalp taken by them from the Party of *Indians*, who, in *July* last, attacked the House of Colonel *Thomas Cresap*. The said Persons having engaged and routed the said *Indians*, killing one of them on the Spot (whose Scalp they took) wounding others, and taking some of their Arms. And also a Reward of 50 l. to *James Davis*, of *Virginia*, who in *August* last, with others of the Neighbourhood, had pursued a Party of *Indians*, from *Cape-Capon*, on the South Side of *Patowmack* to *George's-Creek* in this Province, where they overtook and engaged the said *Indians*, recovering from them one *James Cinston* and his Wife, whom the said *Indians* had taken Prisoners; and the said *Davis* having shot and scalped one of the said *Indians* in the Engagement. (2.) The Residue of the said 2120 l. is appropriated to the Payment for *Indian* Scalps, or Prisoners, in Manner following, *viz.* For every Scalp of an *Indian* Enemy (being the Skin of the Crown of the Head) and for every live *Indian* Enemy, produced to any Magistrate of this Province, by any Inhabitant thereof (not being in Pay of this Province as a Soldier) or by any Friend *Indian*, 50 l. Current Money; and the like Reward for every such Scalp of an *Indian* Enemy killed, or live *Indian* Enemy taken, within this Province, by any Resident of another Province, and so produced as aforesaid. (3.) Such Magistrate, after burning or destroying such Scalp, shall give such Person, or Friend *Indian*, a Certificate under his Hand, which being produced to the said Commissioners, they shall pay the said Reward to the Person producing the same, taking the Receipt of such Person, or Friend *Indian*, for their Voucher. And when any *Indian* Enemy shall be brought Prisoner before a Magistrate, such Magistrate shall commit such Prisoner to the Custody of the Sheriff, who shall detain him in Goal, at the Public Expence, till he be legally discharged. (4.) Every Person, not being an Inhabitant of this Province, or Friend *Indian*, who shall produce a Scalp, or *Indian* Prisoner, to any Magistrate, shall make Oath, or give other satisfactory Evidence to such Magistrate, that such Prisoner was taken, or such Scalp taken from off an *Indian* killed within this Province, before Certificate thereof be given. And every such Inhabitant, before he receive Certificate, shall make appear, as aforesaid, that such Scalp was taken, or such Prisoner captivated, by him or by some other Person under whom, or in Company with whom he has a Right to claim the Reward. (5.) There being a Balance remaining in the Hands of the Agents for carrying the afore-recited Act, and that of 1756, ch. 5, as yet unapplied, the said Agents were directed to pay the same into the Hands of the Commissioners of the Loan Office; which Balance is hereby applied to the Payment for *Indian* Prisoners and Scalps as aforesaid. (6.) This Act to continue for One Year, and to the End of the next succeeding Session.

C H A P. III.

An Act for prohibiting all Trade with the Indians, for the Time therein mentioned. Ditto. Lib. H.S. fol. 433.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) No Person to Trade or Traffic with any Enemy *Indians*, for any Goods, &c. whatsoever; or to carry or transport any Goods, &c. with Intent to trade with such *Indians*, on Penalty of 500 l. Currency for every such Offence, to the Person suing for the same in any Court of Record. (2.) Goods, &c. detected in carrying, with Intent to trade with any *Indians*, out of this Province, to be liable to Seizure by any Persons whatsoever; and on Information thereof to the next County Court, such Goods to be condemned to be sold by Public Auction, and the Money arising from the Sale, to be paid to the Person seizing, &c. (3.) No Person within this Province, to sell or give to any *Indian* Woman or Child, any Gunpowder, Shot, or Lead, whatsoever, or to any *Indian* Man, within the Province, more than 1 lb Gunpowder,