

# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

T H U R S D A Y, J U L Y 20, 1786.

*A bill, entitled, An ACT to impose certain rates and duties upon coaches and other carriages.*

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, there shall be imposed, collected and paid upon every coach, charriot, phaeton, chaise, chair, gig, whiskey, curricule, kittereen, and sulky, or by what name soever such wheel carriages now are, or hereafter may be called or known, that shall be kept by or for any person for his or her own use, or to be let out for hire, the respective annual duties herein after expressed in lieu of and in full of all public assessments; that is to say, for and upon every coach, or by what name soever such carriage now is, or hereafter may be called or known, that shall be kept by or for any person for his or her own use, or to be let out to hire, the yearly sum of four pounds current money, for every such carriage; for and upon every charriot, post-chaise, or chaise with four wheels, or by what name soever such carriages now are, or hereafter may be called or known, that shall be kept by or for any person for his or her own use, or to be let out to hire, the yearly sum of three pounds current money; for every phaeton or other carriage with four wheels, or by what name soever such carriages now are, or hereafter may be called or known, forty shillings current money; and for and upon every curricule chaise, thirty shillings current money; chair, gig, whiskey, kittereen, and sulky, with two or three wheels, or by what name soever such carriages now are, or hereafter may be called or known, that shall be kept by or for any person or persons for his, her or their own use, or to be let out to hire, the yearly sum of fifteen shillings current money; for every such chair, gig, whiskey, kittereen, or sulky, so to be kept as aforesaid, which said several duties shall be paid by the persons who keep the same.

*And,* For the better ascertaining, charging and securing the several duties by this act imposed, and for preventing all frauds concerning the same, *Be it enacted,* That all and every person and persons who, from and after the aforesaid first day of May seventeen hundred and eighty-six, shall have or keep any carriage herein before mentioned and described, or by what name soever such carriage now is, or hereafter may be called or known, for his, her, or their own use, or the use of any person or for whom he, she, or they is, are, or shall be committees, trustees, or guardians, or let out to hire, shall within thirty days after the aforesaid first day of May seventeen hundred and eighty-six, or within twenty days after he or she shall begin to keep such carriage, give notice in writing to the clerk of the county where such person shall reside, of his, her, or their keeping the same, and of the number of carriages herein before mentioned and described, or by what name soever such carriages now are, or may hereafter be called or known, so by him, her, or them respectively kept as aforesaid, and of the county where he or she respectively reside, and shall at the same time pay the respective annual duties, so imposed as aforesaid, for keeping the same.

*And be it enacted,* That all and every person or persons that shall give or be obliged to give such notice as aforesaid is, and are hereby required at or within twenty days after the expiration of twelve calendar months after the times of giving such first notice, to give fresh notice in manner aforesaid, and pay down the respective annual duties above mentioned according to the number of carriages herein before inserted and described, or by what name soever such carriages now are, or hereafter may be called or known; so by him, her, or them respectively then kept, and in the same manner to receive such notice, and make such payment from year to year, as long as he, she, or they shall keep such carriages; and if any person or persons shall so keep any carriage herein before mentioned and described, or by what name soever such carriage now is, or hereafter may be called or known as aforesaid, without giving any such first notice and making such payments as aforesaid, or without renewing such notice and payment yearly in manner as aforesaid, he, she, or they shall respectively forfeit and lose the sum of twenty pounds current money for every and each offence.

*And be it enacted,* That upon the payment of the said respective duties so hereby imposed by this act, at the said respective offices of county clerk, by the respective owners or proprietors thereof as aforesaid, the names of the persons so paying the same, and the number of carriages herein before mentioned and described, or by what names soever such car-

riages now are, or hereafter may be called or known, by him, her, or them respectively kept, and the name of the county where he or she, and any person of or for whom he, she, or they shall be committee, trustee or guardian, resides, shall be entered in a register to be kept at the said respective offices of county clerks for that purpose, by the person so receiving the same, and a receipt shall be given to every person so paying such respective duties by the said person so receiving the same, which receipt shall contain the number of the said register, the number of the carriages therein before mentioned and described, by what names soever the same now are, or hereafter may be called or known, so respectively paid for, the sum so paid, and the time for which such sum shall have been so paid, and be a discharge to the respective owner for such number of carriages wheresoever the same are respectively used.

*And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to charge with the duty imposed by this act, any stage-coach which is constantly employed in carrying passengers for hire to and from different places within this state on certain days in every week fixed for that purpose, and not used or let out for hire by way of by-job for a day or any longer time.

*Provided always, and be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained shall extend to charge with any of the said duties, any carriage herein mentioned and directed, by what name soever such carriage now is, or hereafter may be called or known, kept for sale, and remaining unsold in the possession of the owner thereof, or of any coach or carriage-maker, the purchaser thereof, and no such carriage shall at any time, whilst in such possession, be employed for his or her own use, or for the use of any other person, other than such person whose like carriage shall be then mending or repairing by such coach, carriage-maker, or be let out to hire, on pain of forfeiting the sum of twenty pounds current money for every time such carriage shall be employed or let out to hire as aforesaid.

*And be it enacted,* That if any person having made due entry and payment for any carriage mentioned in this act, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, shall die before the end of the year for which such entry and payment shall be made, in every such case it shall be lawful for every person claiming title to any such carriage, by him or under such deceased person, to make use of such carriage, for or in respect whereof such entry and duty shall have been made and paid as aforesaid, during the residue of the year for which such payment shall have been made in like manner as such deceased person might have done if living.

*And be it enacted,* That this act shall be taken and adjudged a public act by all courts, judges and justices, without the same being specially pleaded, and shall be given by the several county courts in charge to their several and respective grand-juries.

*And be it enacted,* That the several and respective county clerks, shall yearly and every year transmit, on or before the first day of October, to the governor and the council, and to the treasurer of their respective shire, an accurate alphabetical list of the names of the several proprietors and owners of all the different carriages, with the several kinds of carriages annexed to each name, which shall be entered with them, and the said clerks are also hereby enjoined to lay a like list before every grand-jury of their respective counties, under the penalty of fifty pounds current money for every such offence.

*And be it enacted,* That the several and respective county clerks shall pay all sums of money by them respectively received, to the treasurer of their respective shire, on or before the first days of May, September and January, in every year, with a list of the persons from whom received, and the kind of carriage or carriages entered, and for which payment is made as aforesaid, which said monies shall be subject to the disposal of the general assembly.

*And be it enacted,* That each and every of the county clerks shall be allowed a commission of four per cent. on all monies by him received, in full of all services by him done and performed in virtue of this act.

This act to continue and be in full force for three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly that shall happen thereafter.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 2, 1786.

ON motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to impose certain rates and duties upon coaches and other carriages. *Ordered,* That Mr. Bracco, Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethbury, and Mr. B. Worthington, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

FRIDAY, February 3, 1786.  
Mr. Bracco from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to impose certain rates and duties upon coaches and other carriages; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

MONDAY, February 6, 1786.  
On the second reading the bill to impose certain rates and duties upon coaches and other carriages, the question was put. That the words "or every horse employed or used in such carriage, there shall be paid — shillings current money," be inserted in the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. F. Bowie appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE. Messieurs Key, T. Bond, Grahame, Taney, Fraizer, Stone, Adams, Waters, Ramsey, Chase, Quynn, Sewell, Joseph Dashiell, Beall.

NEGATIVE. Messieurs Lethbury, Gantt, Dent, Ridgely, Ridgely of Wm. Stevenson, Roberts, Goldsborough, Bracco, Gale, John Dashiell, Baker, Oglevee, Miller, Digges, F. Bowie, John Seney, Joshua Seney, Chaille, Purnell, Faw, Beatty, Carey, Norris, Love, Wheeler, Driver, Stull, Cellars, Funk, Oneale.

So it was determined in the negative.  
The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Miller appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE. Messieurs Lethbury, Taney, Gantt, Ridgely, Ridgely of Wm. Stevenson, Roberts, Goldsborough, Bracco, Baker, Oglevee, Miller, F. Bowie, John Seney, Chaille, Purnell, Faw, Beatty, Carey, Norris, Love, Wheeler, Stull, Cellars, Funk, Oneale.

NEGATIVE. Messieurs Key, T. Bond, Fraizer, Dent, Stone, Gale, John Dashiell, Adam, Ramsey, Digges, Chase, Quynn, Sewell, Joshua Seney, Joseph Dashiell, Driver, Beall.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

TUE DAY, February 7, 1786.  
The bill to impose certain rates and duties upon coaches and other carriages, was sent to the senate by Mr. Lethbury.

WEDNESDAY, March 1, 1786.  
William Perry, Esq; from the senate delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to impose certain rates and duties upon coaches and other carriages, endorsed; "By the senate, February 7, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."  
"By the senate, March 1, 1786: Read the second time and will not pass."  
"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

THURSDAY, March 2, 1786.  
On motion, the question was put, That a bill, entitled, An act to impose certain rates and duties upon coaches and other carriages, with the yeas and nays, and the endorsements thereon, be published in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Journal? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE. Messieurs B. Worthington, N. Worthington, Grahame, Taney, Gantt, Fraizer, Jones, Ridgely, Ridgely of Wm. Stevenson, Goldsborough, Bracco, John Dashiell, Ennalls, Baker, Oglevee, Miller, Ramsey, W. Bowie, Digges, Quynn, Joseph Dashiell, Faw, Beatty, Carey, Norris, Love, J. Bond, Wheeler, Funk, Oneale.

NEGATIVE. Messieurs T. Bond, Somerville, Turner, Gale, Waters, Chaille, Purnell.  
So it was resolved in the affirmative.  
By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 4.  
THE storm which seemed to threaten us, appears now ready to burst. The people are all in a ferment, and the foreign ministers have quitted this capital, as well as all the strangers whom curiosity had brought here. It is generally imagined that the grand signior will be deposed, and Sultan Selim placed on the throne, which will no doubt change the present pacific system of government; and this is the more likely, as the great dislike of the people to the present sultan is for his love of peace, which is termed indolence, and even cowardice in him.

C R A C O W, March 8.  
On the 27th of last month, at four o'clock in the morning, several shocks of earthquakes were felt here, each of which lasted some seconds; in many places the earth cracked, and in others fell in some feet; the castle of Glabow, which is seven miles from hence, is much damaged; the shocks extended