

1061

An Act concerning the setting up of a mint within
this Province of Maryland —

Forasmuch as money being the Rule and Measure of the value of Commodities not
trade or Commerce can be well managed without it And the want of it in this
Province is a main hinderance to the advancement of this Colony in trades
Manufactures Towns and all other things which conduce to the flourishing and happy
estate thereof. Vee the freemen of this Province Assembled in this present Generall
Assembly doe humbly pray the Lord Proprietary of this Province to take order for
the setting up of a mint for the coining of money within this Province And consent
that it may be Enacted. And Be it Enacted by the Lord Proprietary with the consent
of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly that the money soe coyned
or which shall be coyned in the said mint shall be as good silver as the current coyn of
English Sterling money And that the Waight of euery shilling soe coyned as aforesaid
shall weigh about Nyne pence in such silver as aforesaid and soe proportionably for
other peeces of money coyned in the said mint. And bee it further Enacted that
Euery offender of Clipping Counterfeiting Sealding washing or any way diminishing
any coyn soe to bee made within this Province or of wittingly importing into this
Province any coyn Counterfeiting any sort of coyn which shall be made in the
said mint or that shall be by the Lord Proprietarys Authority and the Authority
of this present Assembly made current shall be deemed and adjudged Felony And euery
offender thereof convicted according to the Law of this Province shall suffer payne
of death and forfeit his or her lands goods and Chattels within this Province to the
Lord Proprietary and his heires Lord and Proprietarys of this Province; And itt is
further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Lord Proprietary and his heires
Lord and Proprietarys of this Province shall take and accept the said coyn in
payment for his rent Arrears of Rent and all other Engagements due unto him the
said Lord Proprietary and his heires Lord and Proprietarys of this Province
according to this Act

An Act for Conveyance of Letters concerning the State
and Publick affairs —

Bee itt Enacted by the Authority of this present Generall Assembly that all Letters
whatsoever to or sent from the Governour and Council or any his Lordships Councillors
or Justices of the peace touching the Publick affairs of this Province shall without
delay be sent from house to house the direct way till they be safely deliuered as
directed And euery person after Receipt of such Letter delaying to Carry the said
Letters to the next house about the bounds of his parish or Bur shall pay for a fine to
the Lord Proprietary one hundred pounds of Tobacco unless it were deliuered soe
late in the day as that it could not before night be deliuered at the next house or
that through violence or Fear or Import it could by noe means be deliuered at the
Creek or River if any be between the house where such Letter is sent and the

Delivered