

Master Banns or other chiefe person of a family shall refuse or deny to give an account of the taxable persons of their families or upon their account shall conceal any taxable person or persons in his or their families & not give a true account of them to the Constable when required shall for every such offence and for every person taxable for by him concealed forfeit & pay double the Levij or Levies of such person or persons for by him or them concealed. And every Constable neglecting his office herein shall forfeit & pay the sume of five hundred pounds of Tobacco for every offence such forfeitures and fines to be Levied by the Justices of the Respective County Courts where such Constables and Inhabitants doe dwell and by them to be disposed of for the use of the Respective Counties as the said Justices shall think fitt And to the end that no person for the future may be ignorant what persons are Taxable & what not Be itt enacted by & with the advice & Consent aforesaid, the Authority of the same That all male Children borne within this Province & resident in itt shall be taken & accounted taxable at the age of Sixteen years & upwards And all male Servants imported into this Province at the age of Sixteen years and upwards shall be accounted taxable and all Slaves whatsoever whether male or female imported or borne in this Province or abroad the age of Sixteen years shall be accounted taxable & so Rated And that all freedmen in this Province (Except Ministers and Priests & such poore & impotent persons that Receive Almes from the County shall be taxable above the age of Sixteen years This act to Continue for three years or to the end of the next Generall Assembly which shall first happen

An Act for punishment of a certain abuse committed by Henry Ward of Cecil County gentleman against the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary & the Publick -

Whereas Complaint hath been made to the Burgesses & Delegates of the Lower house of Assembly & there sufficient proved that the said Henry Ward being elected a Member to serve in the Lower house of the last assembly & being there sitting did Informe the said Lower house that he had a very good horse lost in the Country service in the Expedition to the North hills And that the Lower house giving Credit to such Information did thinke fitt to allow him out of the Publick Levij Eight hundred pounds of Tobacco to which his Lordshipp the then Cap^t Generall & upper house did assent unto And itt being now made evidently appeared to this house that the said Ward lost not such horse in the Publick service and that the said allegation was most detestably false & that thereby he had exceedingly abused his Lordshipp & both houses of Assembly & the whole Country They therefore humbly pray that itt may be Enacted & be itt Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That the said Henry Ward may for such his great abuse be fined the summe of four thousand pounds of good Tobacco