

*An Act for ascertaining the Expences of the Delegates of Assembly, and Commissioners
of the Provincial and County Courts.*

FOR the ascertaining, limiting and allowing unto the severall and respective Deputy's and Delegates that Serve or shall Serve in the General Assembly's of this Province, and of the severall and respective Commissioners of the Provincial and County Courts of this Province such Sum and Sums of Tobacco as shall be thought necessary and sufficient for the defraying their Charges in the said Assembly's and Courts as aforesaid.

BE IT ENACTED by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, the Authority of the same, That all such Delegates and Burgesses of Assembly shall be allowed the Sum of one hundred and forty pounds of Tobacco a Day during the time they shall attend such Assembly's, and no more, (besides their Itinerent Charges) to be paid and allowed by them out of the publick Leavy's of this Province, and the severall and respective Commissioners of the Provincial Courts for the defraying their Charges and Expences during the time they shall sit in, & attend such Courts; the Sum of one hundred and forty pounds of Tobacco per Day and no more, besides their Itinerent Charges to be paid them likewise out of the publick Leavy of this Province as aforesaid, and the severall Commissioners of the County Courts shall be allowed for the defraying of their Expences during the time they shall attend such Courts as aforesaid the Sum of Eighty pounds of Tobacco per Day and no more, which Sum of Eighty pounds of Tobacco as aforesaid the said Commissioners of the County Courts are hereby impowred to Assess and Leavy where such Commissioners shall Serve as aforesaid, for defraying the Expences aforesaid and no more.

Provided always, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that where any Justices of any County Court, being a full Court, or above the number of Seaven shall agree together in Court Sitting, and consent to lessen any allowance hereby given, or if it be to take the same totally off, it shall and may be Lawful to such full Court to lessen and take off any part of the allowance hereby given & settled to the Commissioners of the said County Courts, and Entering such Rule in the Record, shall for that Year be an absolute Law and Rule for every Justice of that County Court as to their Expences, and it shall not be Lawful to collect or raise any more Tobacco for defraying the County Court Justices Expences, then so much as by such Consent and Rule shall be limited and agreed on as aforesaid, and if they see fit to make the same Rule, or such other as they shall agree on as aforesaid, once on every Year during this Act, any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding. And Be It Further Enacted, that one Act of Assembly made at a General Assembly of this Province, begun and held at the City of St. Mary's the tenth Day of May Anno Domini 1692. Intituled *An Act ascertaining the Expences of the Commissioners of the Provincial and County Courts*, be, and is hereby utterly Repealed and made Void.

An Act for erecting Ann-Arundel and Oxford Towns into Ports and Towns.

BE IT ENACTED by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty's by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of the same, That from and after the publication hereof, the Land called the Town Land at *Severn* in Ann-Arundel County where the Town was formerly, and the Land at *Oxford* in Talbot County where the Town was formerly, shall from henceforth be Towns and Ports, and Places of Trade, where all Ships and Vessels may come to for Entering and Clearing, to which End the Collector of that District, or his Lawful Deputy's shall constantly Reside at the said Towns and Ports, and also Naval Officer, or Officers or their Deputy's shall also constantly Reside there, for giving dispatch to all Ships or Vessels coming or trading into them Ports; and that the same Ports and Towns may be capable of being built upon and inhabited by persons desiring to dwell and inhabit in them.

Be It Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the proclaiming of this Act, all and every the persons named herein for Commissioners shall be Commissioners of and for the said two Towns, and each of them, and they and every