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rishes, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port of *Annapolis*, the Fifth Day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Four, the several and respective Commissioners of the several and respective County Courts within this Province, at their several and respective County Courts, to be held for their said Counties; upon Examination had before them of the Public Charges of their several and respective Counties, and Allowances by them made of the same, are impowered to levy and raise Tobacco for Payment and Satisfaction of the several and respective County Charges, and the Sheriff's Salary for Collection thereof, by an equal Assessment of the Taxable Persons of the said several Counties.

The Words
Public Charges
in the original Act explained.

II. It is hereby Declared and Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the said County Commissioners, or Magistrates, nor any of them, shall construe or explain the Words, Public Charges of their respective Counties, mentioned in the said recited Act, which they are impowered to levy and raise Tobacco for, to extend to any other Purposes, than the ordinary, usual and necessary Charges, annually arising in their said several and respective Counties.

County
Courts shall
not levy at
one Time
more than

III. And whereas it may frequently be necessary to make Repairs to Court-houses, Prisons and Bridges, within the several and respective Counties of this Province, as well as to erect and build new and convenient Bridges for the common Benefit and Advantage of the Inhabitants; Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the said several and respective Counties, to levy and raise upon the Taxable Inhabitants within their said several Counties, for the making, compleating and finishing the necessary small Repairs to Court-houses, Prisons and Bridges, and for the erecting and building new and convenient Bridges, when and as often as Occasion shall require, any Quantity or Quantities of Tobacco, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, at any one Time, for the full and compleat Repairing of any one County Court-house; and not exceeding the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, at any one Time, for the full and necessary Repairs for any one County Prison; and not exceeding the Sum of Eight Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, at any one Time, for the full and compleat Repairing of any one Bridge; and not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the erecting and building of any one new Bridge, in any one County whatsoever: But that in all and every case where any larger Sum or Sums of Tobacco, than what are herein before limited and expressed, shall or may be adjudged necessary and requisite by the said several and respective County Justices, to and for any the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, it shall not be lawful for the said several and respective County Justices, nor any of them, to levy or raise any such larger Sum or Sums of Tobacco, so adjudged necessary or requisite as aforesaid, upon the Taxable Inhabitants of their said several Counties, without having first had and obtained Leave or Licence for their so doing from the General Assembly of this Province, for the Time being.

10000^{lb} Tobacco for repairing a Court-house;
6000^{lb} Tobacco for repairing a Prison;
8000^{lb} Tobacco for repairing a Bridge;
20000^{lb} Tobacco for building a new Bridge;

without
Leave of the
Assembly.

Tobacco so
levied may be
discharged in
Current Money.

IV. Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Inhabitants to pay and discharge the said several and respective Sums of Tobacco, so to be levied and raised to and for the Uses aforesaid, in Current Money, in the same Manner as they are enabled to pay and discharge the Public or County Levy.

Continuation.

V. This Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of Three Years.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

Farther continued by 1751, ch. 13; 1754, ch. 10; 1757, ch. 18; and 1762, ch. 6.