

At a Session of ASSEMBLY begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the 17th, and ended the 25th Day of *July*, in the 4th Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable FREDERICK, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, &c. Annoq; Domini 1754: The following Laws were Enacted.

HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. IX.

Passed 25th July 1754. *An Act for his Majesty's Service.* Lib. H.S. fol. 152. EXP.

^a See 1762, ch. 24, §. 9.

N. B. By this Act, the Commissioners of the Loan Office were directed to pay 4000 l. 8s. Currency, the Treasurer of the Western Shore ^a 900 l. Currency, and the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore ^a 1099 l. 12 s. Currency, amounting in the Whole to 6000 l. Currency, to his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; for his Majesty's Service, towards the Defence of the Colony of *Virginia*, then attacked by the *French* and *Indians*; and for the Relief and Support of the Wives and Children of the *Indian* Allies that put themselves under the Protection of this Government. For the Re-placing of which the following Duties were laid, in Current Money:

^b Discontinued by 1756, ch. 5.

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| N ^o 1. | On every Hawker, Pedlar, or Petty-Chapman, travelling with Goods, from Place to Place, for Sale, within this Province, — — — — — | Four Pounds | } per Annum. |
| N ^o 2. | On all Coaches, Chairs, Chaises, Chariots, and such like Carriages, belonging to, and used by Inhabitants of this Province, per Wheel, — — — — — | Five Shillings | |
| N ^o 3. | On all Servants imported to serve for 7 Years, or upwards, — — — — — | ^b 20 Shillings | } per Poll. |
| N ^o 4. | On all Servants imported to serve by Indenture, or Custom of the Country, for a less Term than Seven Years (<i>Germans</i> , or other Aliens, coming from any Part of the United Provinces, or <i>Flanders</i> , excepted) — — — — — | Five Shillings | |
| N ^o 5. | On all Negroes imported, over and above all former Duties, &c. — — — — — | 10 Shillings | } per Annum. |
| N ^o 6. | On all <i>Madeira</i> Wine imported, — — — — — | ^c Two Pence per Gallon. | |
| N ^o 7. | On Ordinary Licences, over and above the Duty imposed thereon by the Act of 1746, ch. 1, — — — — — | Twenty Shillings | |

The Duty on Hawkers, &c. (N^o 1,) was to be paid into the Hands of the several County Clerks to whom such Hawkers, &c. should apply for Licence; the Licences to be renewed yearly, under the County Seal, and the Clerk to receive 5 s. Fee for each Licence so granted.

The Duty on Wheels of Coaches, &c. (N^o 2,) to be paid yearly into the Hands of the respective Sheriffs.

The Duties on Servants, Negroes, and Wine, (N^o 3 to 6,) to be paid by the Importers to the respective Naval Officers.

All the before mentioned Duties were to be accounted annually by the several Officers appointed to receive the same, and paid to the Commissioners of the Loan Office, deducting thereout an allowance of 2½ per Cent.

The additional Duty on Ordinary Licences, (N^o 7,) to be paid and accounted for in the Manner as directed in the Act of 1746, ch. 1.

Such Parts of the said Act of 1746, ch. 1, as related to Ordinary-Keepers, and granting of Ordinary Licences, &c. were hereby continued until such Time as the Purposes of that Act, and those of the Act of 1746, ch. 10, should be fully answered; and also until such Time as the 6000 l. hereby granted, should be raised and paid to the Commissioners of the Loan Office; who were directed to keep distinct Accounts thereof. And in case, during the Continuance of the present and the aforesaid recited Act, more Money than the said 6000 l. should be raised or paid into the Loan Office, then the Surplus, &c. to be applied to the Public Expences of the Province, as the General Assembly should direct, &c.

This Act was to continue in Force from the 1st August 1754, till the said 6000 l. should be replaced to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly. And it was farther continued by 1756, ch. 5, (such Parts thereof excepted as were thereby repealed, and such as related to the Duty on Servants imported for the Term of Seven Years and upwards) from and after the several Purposes therein mentioned should be fully completed, until the Sum of 40000 l. by that Act raised, should be fully paid and replaced into the Loan Office, and until the End of the next Session of Assembly. So that it totally expired on the 26th November 1763.

C H A P. X.

Passed 25th July 1754. *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, 'An Act for Punishment of Horse-Stealers, and other Offenders.'* Lib. H.S. fol. 158. EXP.

^a 1744, ch. 20, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P. XI.

Ditto. *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, 'An Act for destroying of Wolves in Frederick County.'* Lib. H.S. fol. 159. EXP.

^c 1751, ch. 3, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

C H A P.