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1756.

C H A P. II.

An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of Talbot and Dorchester County Courts. Lib. H.S. fol. 203. OBS. Passed 1st March 1756.

C H A P. III.

An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of Frederick County Court. Lib. H.S. fol. 204. OBS. Passed 13th March 1756.

C H A P. IV.

An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of Queen-Anne's County Court. Lib. H.S. fol. 206. OBS. Passed 22^d March 1756.

C H A P. V.

An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds, for his Majesty's Service; and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof, in Bills of Credit; and raising a Fund for sinking the same. Lib. H.S. fol. 207. EXP. Ditto.

Supplementary and other Acts relating hereto, are 1756, *ch. 19*, and *23*; 1757, *ch. 1*; 1758; *ch. 1*, *5*, and *17*; 1760, *ch. 9*; and 1763, *ch. 29*.

N. B. The general Purposes of this Act being (as set forth in the Preamble) "To raise large Supplies for his Majesty's Service, towards securing and protecting the Frontier of this Province, and engaging the Friendship and Assistance of the Southern Tribes of Indians, and for repelling and removing his Majesty's ambitious and perfidious Enemies, from their unjust Encroachments on these his Dominions," the Commissioners of the Loan Office were directed,

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| 1. To emit in Bills of Credit, then Signed in the Office but not Circulated, and deliver the same to the Persons herein after mentioned, — | £. 4015 : 6 : 0 |
| 2. To pay out of any other Bills of Credit already Circulated, and now remaining in, or hereafter to be received into the said Office, a farther Sum of — — — — — | 5984 : 14 : 0 |
| 3. And also to emit and pay into the Hands of the said Persons, in Bills of Credit, to be struck according to the Directions of this Act, — | 30000 : 00 : 0 |

Amounting in the whole to £. 40000 : 00 : 0 All which Bills of Credit, emitted by Virtue of this Act, to be upon the same Footing of Currency, in Payment with the Paper Money of 1733, *ch. 6*, &c. and, after Re-placing the 5984*l.* 14*s.* before mentioned, then all Bills of Credit received into the Office by Virtue of this Act, to be retained, &c. and burnt every Session of Assembly, before the Committee appointed for that Purpose, till the full Sum of 34015*l.* 6*s.* be destroyed.

The above mentioned 40000*l.* to be applied in Manner following, *viz.*

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| (1.) To the building a Fort, and any Number not exceeding Four Block-Houses on the Western Frontier; and for raising, paying, arming, supporting, &c. Troops, not exceeding 200 Men (Officers included) to keep Garrison therein, &c. In which to be included the Agents Commissions, and 750 <i>l.</i> already drawn out of the Office by two Ordinances this present Session, a Sum not exceeding, — — — — — | £. 11000 | ^b A farther Sum of 2400 <i>l.</i> appropriated to this Use by 1756, <i>ch. 19</i> . |
| (2.) To engaging the Assistance, &c. of the Southern Indians, and defraying the Expences of two Commissioners (<i>viz.</i> the Hon ^{ble} Col. Benjamin Tasker, and Charles Carroll, junior, Esq;) nominated to be sent from this Province to Treat with the said Indians, in Conjunction with Commissioners from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North-Carolina, such Sum as shall be necessary (including the Agents Commissions, and 250 <i>l.</i> to the said two Commissioners) not exceeding, — — — — — | 3000 | ^c Applied to other Uses by 1757, <i>ch. 1</i> . |
| (3.) To paying any Inhabitants of this Province, or Indian Allies, for Scalps of Indian Enemies, or Indian Prisoners by them brought in, at 10 <i>l.</i> per Scalp or Prisoner (including Agents Commissions) a Sum not exceeding, — — — — — | 1000 | ^d See 1756, <i>ch. 19</i> . |
| (4.) To the carrying on any Expedition, &c. undertaken by this Province for his Majesty's Service, in Conjunction with the aforesaid Governments, &c. (including Commissions to the Agents), — — — — — | 25000 | ^e 1753 <i>ol.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> Part of this Sum was applied to other Uses by 1756, <i>ch. 19</i> , and the remaining 7469 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> by 1757, <i>ch. 1</i> . |

The Agents appointed, (*viz.* Messieurs William Murdock, James Dick, and Daniel Wolfenbolme) were allowed a Commission of 2½ per Cent on all Sums by them received and applied in virtue of this Act.

For Re-placing the 5984*l.* 14*s.* and Sinking the 34015*l.* 6*s.* raised by this Act, the following Duties were laid, *viz.*

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| N ^o 1. An Excise on all Spirits imported or distilled within this Province, from foreign Materials, of — — — — — | Four Pence, | } per Gallon. |
| N ^o 2. — on all Wines imported; except from Great-Britain, — — — — — | Six Pence, | |
| N ^o 3. — on all Madeira Wine already imported, on which the Duty of Two Pence per Gallon (imposed by the Act of 1754, <i>ch. 9</i> .) hath been already paid — — — — — | Four Pence, | |
| N ^o 4. — on all Spirits distilled from the Produce of this Province, and Sold by Retail — — — — — | Two Pence, | } per Annum. |
| N ^o 5. A Duty on all Batchelors of 25 Years of Age and upwards, worth 100 <i>l.</i> and under 300 <i>l.</i> — — — — — | Five Shillings, | |
| N ^o 6. — If worth 300 <i>l.</i> or upwards — — — — — | Twenty Shillings, | } per Annum. |
| N ^o 7. For every Billiard Table within this Province — — — — — | Three Pounds, | |
| N ^o 8. For every Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, brought from any other Colony, and Sold, Bartered, or Exchanged within this Province, 40 <i>s.</i> | | |

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