CHAP. XXX.

An ACT for the relief of the poor within the county of Baltimore.

An alms-houfe is to be built in the faid county, and the commiffioners of the loan-office are directed to lend the truftees, appointed by this act, the fum of £.4,000, out of that part of the bills to be emitted, which are appropriated for loan to the inhabitants of that county.

Every inhabitant of that part of the county, which, after the divifion, fhall retain the name of Baltimore, fhall, in the year 1774, and every year afterwards, pay the fheriff 12lb. of tobacco, or 1/6 in mony. The fheriff is to collect the fame, as he does the county levy; and, after deducting his commiffion, fhall, by the 31ft of Auguft, pay to the commiffioners the whole amount of the tax, in money, rating the fame at 12/6 per hundred. And, in cafe of failure on his part, they are to proceed againft him, and his fecurities, on his office bond, in the fame manner as they are directed to do on bonds given for loans; and they fhall recover likewife an intereft of four *per cent.* When payments are made to them, they fhall give the county credit; and, after they fhall have received the whole principal and intereft on the money by them advanced, they are to give notice to the fheriff, and the tax of 12 per poll is to ceafe.

If any part of this 12 per poll tax be paid in tobacco, the fheriff is directed to fell it in open court, on the fecond day of the Auguft term following. In his account with the court, he fhall be allowed annually for infolvents, as well as for thofe who pay in tobacco; and he fhall be charged with the price for which the tobacco fhall have been fold. At November term, after his laft collection, he fhall account for, and pay to the court, the furplus of the tax, remaining, after the payment of the faid principal and intereft to the loan-office.

The refidue of this act is, as nearly as may be, a copy of the general law of 1768, ch. 29. So that the poor-houfe of Baltimore county is upon the fame footing, as if Baltimore county had been comprehended within that law.

CHAP. XXXI.

An ACT for the further continuance of an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of the ftaple of tobacco, and for preventing frauds in his majefty's cuftoms.

CHAP. XXXII.

An ACT to enable the undertaker for building the ftadt-houfe to cover the fame with copper.

The ftadt-houfe is directed to be covered with copper, of fuch thicknefs as that a foot fquare fhall contain 18oz. 4dwts. at leaft, inftead of the flate, lead, or tile, already contracted for. The undertaker is required to fix, in the beft manner, an iron rod, pointed with gold or filver, to reach fix feet above the cupola, and to run fix feet below the furface of the ground. The commiffioners of the loan-office are directed to pay him £.1,455 2 8 fterling, as a full fatisfaction for doing what is herein enjoined, upon his giving fecurity in double the fum for refunding it, with intereft of four *per cent.* in cafe the faid cover be not put on, in a complete and workman-like manner, by the firft day of June next.

CHAP. XXXIII.

An ACT for payment of the public creditors.

The journal of accounts, paffed this feffion, is to be difcharged by the commiffioners of the loan-office, with bills of credit, at the rates of 1⅓ dollar for 100lb. of tobacco, and one dollar for 7/6 in money.

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Wednefday the twenty-third day of March, in the 3d year of the dominion of the Right Honourable HENRY HARFORD, Efq; abfolute lord and proprietary of the province of Maryland, and ended the 19th day of April, *anno domini* 1774: The following laws were enacted.

ROBERT EDEN, Efq; Governor.

CHAP. I.

An ACT for the adjournment of the provincial court.

The provincial court for September laft, which ftands adjourned to the 28th inftant, and the next April provincial court, are both adjourned to the firft Tuefday in May.

CHAP. II.

An ACT to prevent infection from the fhip Chance.

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