

An Act Impowering the Governor and Council to Raise Forces and maintain a war without the Province and to aid the Susquehanna Indians

Whereas it doth appear to this Present General Assembly that this Province is in Eminent Danger by a war being in it by some Foreign Indians as it hath been made Appare by credible Information given of a Person lately killed and of others that are probably cut off by those Foreign Indians and that in Human Probability our Neighbour Indians the Susquehanna's are a Bulwark and Security of the Northern Parts of this Province and that by former Treaties with that Nation they have very much assured us of their affection and Friendship and that they expected the like from us and by these Treaties it was agreed Assistance should be Granted each other in time of Danger and upon their several late Applications to us to that Purpose aid hath been Promised them accordingly. It is Enacted and be it Enacted by the Lord Proprietary of this Province by and with the advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower House of this Present General Assembly that the Governor with the advice and Consent of the Council have Power to Levy and raise by Preps or otherwise Fifty able men with arms and Provisions and all things Necessary for them to be sent to the Susquehanna Fort for the ends aforesaid, and the Proportion of the said Soldiers to be raised out of the Counties as followeth viz. Out of the county of St Marys Eleven, out of Calvert County Fifteen, out of Charles County Seven, out of Ann Arundell County Seven, out of Kent three, with one Interpreter, a Captain, and a Chirurgion; and the Pay of the Officers and Soldiers aforesaid to be Proportioned as followeth until the Soldiers Return, unto the Commander in Chief Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco in back of month, to the Interpreter Six Hundred Pounds, to the Lieutenant Four Hundred Pounds of month, to the Sergeant Three Hundred of month, and to the Chirurgion Four Hundred of month, and to every Private Soldier Two Hundred and Fifty of month, and be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that for the Defraying of the Charge of the said War, and all Charges incident to it, that the Governor and Council are hereby impowered to Levy by way of Assessment of poll according to the usual Custom of the Province and in the Interval of Assembly to raise whatsoever they in their Discretion shall thinke necessary against the Coyato or Napsow Indians or any other Indians that shall be found to have killed any of the