

April 1740

MARYLAND
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AN ACT

Made and Passed at a Session of Assembly Begun and Held at the City of *Annapolis*, on Wednesday the Twenty third Day of *April*, in the Twenty sixth Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable CHARLES, Lord BAION of BALTIMORE, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of MARYLAND and AVALON, &c. Annoque Domini 1740.

An Act for Issuing and Paying out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly the Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Two Pounds Ten Shillings Current Money in Bills of Credit to be applied for the Encouragement of Persons voluntarily Enlisting themselves in his Majesty's Service.

WHEREAS it appears to this General Assembly, by a Proclamation published by his Excellency *Samuel Ogle*, Esq; his Lordship's Governor and Commander in Chief in and over this Province of *Maryland*, bearing Date at *Annapolis* the Eleventh Day of *April*, in the Twenty fifth Year of his Lordship's Dominion, and in the Year of our Lord God *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty*, that his Majesty's Pleasure had been signified to him by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of his Majesty's Principal Secretary's of State, by his Grace's Letter of the fifth of *January* last, that his Majesty having thought fit to Declare War against *Spain*, and being determined by all possible Means to Distress and Annoy the *Spaniards* in the most effectual Manner, and particularly by making an Attempt upon some of their most considerable Settlements in the *West-Indies*, had been pleased for that purpose to Order a large Body of Troops under the Command of the Lord *Cathcart*, a Major General of his Majesty's Forces, to come from *Great-Britain* with a sufficient Convoy of Men of War to a proper Place in the *West-Indies*, to be appointed for that purpose, to be joined by a Squadron under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Vernon* in the *West-Indies*, and by such a number of Troops as might be raised in his Majesty's Colonies and Islands in *America*. And that it had been represented to his Majesty, that a very considerable number of Men might be easily had upon proper Encouragement in the *British* Plantations, and particularly in his Majesty's Colonies on the Continent of *America*, to serve in Conjunction with the Regular Troops to be sent from Home; of all which his Majesty thought proper that Notice should be given in order that the necessary Dispositions might be made for facilitating as soon as possible the raising the said Troops to be Commanded by Colonel *Spotswood*.

And whereas his Majesty had been most graciously pleased to declare his Royal Intentions to give all proper Encouragement to the new Levies, by ordering them to be supplied with Arms and proper Cloathing, and to be paid by his Majesty, with an Assurance of their coming in for their Share of any Booty that might be taken from the Enemy, and of their being sent back to their respective Habitations when the Service should be over, unless any of them should desire to settle themselves elsewhere, and that his Majesty would order to be sent by Col. *Blakeney*, Adjutant General of all the Forces (who might be very soon Expected) a number of Blank Commissions to be given by the several Governors to the Officers who should Command the Troops under Col. *Spotswood*, and that Transports and all Necessaries would be provided to carry the Troops to the Place of General Rendezvous, We, his Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Governor, and Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the Province of *Maryland*, in General Assembly Convened, being moved by our Zeal for his Majesty's Person and Government, the Sense we have of the Sufferings of our Fellow Subjects under the Cruelties and Depredations of the *Spaniards*, and for the more effectual Encouragement of his Majesty's Levies within this Province, have cheerfully and unanimously Given and Granted the Sum of *Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Two Pounds Ten Shillings* Current Money of *Maryland*, in Bills of Credit, to be issued and paid out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees for the Time being, appointed for Emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly, in manner as hereinafter directed: And humbly pray that it may be Enacted,

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