

and Purchase thereof, whereby there is paid into the Hands of the said Commissioners the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Current Money, to be applied towards building a public Wharf and Storehouse in the said Town, for the Advancement of the Trade thereof; and therefore pray that a Law may pass, for laying out the said Money towards building a public Wharf and Storehouse, on the public Ground laid out and reserved for that Purpose, and to direct the Management of the said Wharf and Storehouse, and also to grant them such farther Privileges for the Advancement of the Trade, and good Regulation of the said Town, as may seem most fit and agreeable to encourage the Settlement thereof: For the Encouragement therefore of the said Petitioners, and other well disposed to forward the Trade and Advancement of the said Town, represented to be most conveniently situated for the Trade of all Sorts of Grain, Flour, Flax, Seed, and such like Commodities;

Commissioners to lay out the public Money.

*Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same,* That Col. Thomas Colwill, Capt. Nicholas Hyland, Mr. Benjamin Pearce, Mr. Henry Baker, Mr. Zebulon Hollingsworth, Mr. John Read, and Mr. Benjamin Chew, be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners for laying out the said Money, so advanced and collected as aforesaid; as also for receiving, collecting, and laying out all such Sum or Sums of Money, that shall be advanced or given by any Person or Persons, for the said Uses; and that the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, do, and are hereby directed and impowered to lay out the said public Money already received, or which shall be by them hereafter received, in the most careful and speedy Manner, by agreeing with sufficient and able Workmen, to build the said public Wharf, Storehouse, or Storehouses, in such Place and Manner on the Ground aforesaid, as to the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall seem most commodious for the Trade and Advantage of the said Town.

How the same is to be applied.

Commissioners not to be concerned in Contracts, whereby Advantage may accrue to themselves.

*And be it further Enacted,* That no Commissioner shall directly or indirectly be any way concerned in any Bargain or Contract, to be made with any Workman or Workmen, for building the said Wharf and Storehouses, or any other public Buildings, so as to receive any Profit or Advantage thereby, on the Penalty of Fifty Pounds Current Money, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed and applied to the Use of such public Building; and that the said Workmen shall declare upon Oath (if required by the said Commissioners), the Names of all such Persons as are joined and concerned with them, in the said Contracts or Agreements.

Accounts of public Money to be kept,

*And be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid,* That the Commissioners aforesaid, or the Commissioners for the Time being, shall keep a fair and particular Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of this and all other public Money by them received for the Uses aforesaid, and shall annually lodge a Copy thereof with the Clerk of Cecil County, signed by the Commissioners, or the major Part of them,