

with an absolute Estate in Fee-Simple, of, in, and unto the two Acres of Land aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid for ever, and shall for ever after bar such Proprietor or Proprietors, his Heirs or Assigns, from any Claim thereto.

And be it further Enacted, That the Sheriff shall have the same Fees for summoning and impanneling the Jury aforesaid, as he is entitled to receive for the like Service in the County Court, and no more; and that the same shall be chargeable to, and paid by the Parish aforesaid.

Allowance to the Sheriff for summoning the Jury.

An Act for raising *Three Pence Sterling per Hoghead* on all Tobacco to be exported, for purchasing Arms and Ammunition, and for an immediate Supply of Arms for the Defence of this Province.

WHEREAS in these Times of Danger, it is highly prudent to provide for the common Safety and Defence of the Province, by making the best Provision we are able for a suitable Supply of Arms and Ammunition; and it being now more necessary, as the General Assembly in

Preamble.

June 1746, enacted, that Part of the Arms then in the Magazine, should be delivered to His Majesty's Forces raised within this Province (such Arms not being otherwise to be procured or purchased within the same) We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of *Maryland,* in Assembly convened, therefore humbly pray that it may be Enacted;

And 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 there shall be levied, collected, and raised a Duty or Impost of *Three Pence Sterling Money,* on every Hoghead of Tobacco which now is, and hereafter shall be laden on board any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province, and not cleared at some Naval Office, before the End of this present Session of Assembly, to be collected and received by the respective Naval Officers in the same Manner as other Duties on all Tobacco now due and payable, are collected and raised; which said Duty shall be disposed of for the purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the maintaining a Magazine for the better Defence of this Province, and for the due Preservation thereof, and paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of this Province for the Time being, who shall be allowed *Two Pounds Ten Skillings per Centum* for the Receipt and Payment thereof, and to be disposed of to the Uses aforesaid, as the Governor and Council for the Time being shall direct; for the Collection whereof, the Naval-Officers shall be allowed *Eight Pounds per Centum,* and no more.

Three Pence Sterling per Hoghead on all Tobacco exported, to be paid to the Naval Officers for purchasing Arms and Ammunition.

Allowance to the Treasurers and Naval Officers for collecting.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several and respective Treasurers, shall from time to time, make and render to both Houses of Assembly of this Province, sufficient and clear Accounts of what Money they shall receive by Virtue of this Act, and how the same shall have been disposed of.

The Treasurers to render Accounts.

And be it likewise Enacted, That the several and respective Treasurers shall, and they are hereby directed to transmit all the Bills of Exchange or Monies which they shall receive in Virtue of this Act, to Mr. *Joseph Adams,* Merchant in *London,* to be by him kept and paid out according to the Directions, and to the Uses in this Act mentioned.

The Bills to be remitted to Mr. Adams.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Armourer, or Person who now has, or hereafter shall have, the care, keeping, or distributing the Arms and Ammunition now in Store, or which hereafter may be, shall, and he or they are hereby obliged to keep a full and just Account of all Arms and Ammunition which now are, or shall hereafter be received by him or them, into the Public Magazine, and to whom, by whom, by whose Order, and to what Use or Uses the same has been, or shall be given out or distributed; and such Account, with Vouchers, lay before both Houses of Assembly yearly, sworn to before one Provincial or County Magistrate.

Duty of the Armourer.

And be it likewise Enacted, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, the Armourer, Smith, Gunner, or other Person or Persons employed in