

An Act for his Majesty's Service.

I. **W**HEREAS the Right Honourable the Earl of *Holderness*, Preamble. by his Letter dated *Whitehall, August 28, 1753*, directed to his Excellency the Governor of this Province, hath signified the March of a considerable Number of *Indians*, not in Alliance with the King, supported by some regular *European Troops*, intending to commit some Hostilities on Parts of his Majesty's Dominions in *America*, as it was apprehended, and to instruct him to keep a Correspondence with the neighbouring Governors, for preventing any evil Consequences from such intended Invasion. And whereas, the Governor of *Virginia* hath signified to his said Excellency, that the *French*, and their allied *Indians*, have used many Violences on his Majesty's Subjects within that Dominion, and that it further appears to this General Assembly, that the *French*, with an armed Force, have dispossessed many of his Majesty's Subjects of Settlements which they had made, and were about to improve, within his Majesty's Dominions, and threaten the March of many Men, with Artillery, and other Stores, for erecting Forts, and Places of Strength, on the River *Ohio*, and the Branches thereof, as well to prevent the *British Nation* from a Settlement thereon, as a Trade with the native *Indians* to the Westward, which at all Times heretofore they had enjoyed without the least Let or Interruption. And further threaten any of his Majesty's Subjects with Loss of Goods and Liberty, who they shall find trading on the said River, or Branches thereof. And whereas, lately, an armed Force of *French*, with many of their allied *Indians*, have marched into his Majesty's Territories, inhabited by his Majesty's Subjects, and in a hostile Manner attacked a smaller Body of his Majesty's Forces, under the Command of Col. *George Washington*, and killed and destroyed many of his Majesty's faithful Subjects, within the inhabited Part of the Territory of *Virginia*, and near the Borders of this Province, and done or caused many other Evils to be perpetrated against his Majesty's Subjects, as well by them the said *French*, as by their allied *Indians*: Wherefore, to demonstrate our Willingness to answer his Majesty's Commands, signified as aforesaid, and also, to assist our neighbouring Colony of *Virginia*, it is humbly prayed that it may be enacted,

II. *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 the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, for the Time being, shall and do pay to his Excellency *Horatio Sharpe*, Esq; Governor of *Maryland*, or his Order, or to the Commander in Chief for the Time being, or his Order, for his Majesty's Service, the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds Eight Shillings, in Bills of Credit, towards the Defence of the Colony of *Virginia*, and his Majesty's Dominions, and the Relief and Support of the Wives and Children of the *Indian Allies*, that put themselves under the Protection of this Government, at such Times, and in such Sums, as he the said *Horatio Sharpe*, Esq; or the Commander in Chief for the Time being, shall find necessary, and the Receipt or Receipts of his Excellency *Horatio Sharpe*, Esq; Governor of *Maryland*, or of the Commander in Chief for the Time being, or of the Persons to whom payable, on such Order or Orders, shall be sufficient to justify the said Commissioners of the Loan-Office for such Payment or Payments, the said Commissioners keeping a distinct Account of all

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Currency, to be paid to the Governor, out of the Paper-Office, for his Majesty's Service;