

Acts of Assembly passed in May, 1756.

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in Writing for landing, using, or disposing of the same hath been obtained, such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay Ten Shillings Current Money for each Barrel of Pitch, Tar, and Turpentine, so by them imported or brought into this Province; one half thereof to be paid to the Commissioners or Trustees aforesaid, to be applied as herein after directed, and the other half to the Informer, or him or them that will sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, with legal Costs of Suit, in any Court of Record in this Province.

XCIX. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the Naval-Officers aforesaid, for the Time being, shall yearly transmit to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, an Account upon Oath, of the Moneys in Virtue of this Act respectively by them to be received as aforesaid, retaining in his or their Hands respectively a Commission of Two Pounds Ten Shillings *per Cent*. And that the Office-Bonds of the said Naval-Officers, and their Sureties in such Bonds, shall be answerable for all the Moneys so by them respectively received as aforesaid.

Naval-Officers to transmit Accounts.

C. *AND be it further Enacted*, That all and every the Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, above by this Act laid and imposed, shall be recovered as by this Act above is directed, and applied and paid the one Moiety to the Use of the Informer, or him, her, or them, that will sue for the same, the other to the Commissioners or Trustees of the Loan-Office, for the Time being, to be applied to the sinking the said Sum above by this Act raised and emitted for his Majesty's Service.

Application of Fines, &c.

CI. *AND be it Enacted*, That in Case any more Money shall be raised, during the Continuance of this present Act, in Virtue thereof, or paid to the Commissioners or Trustees of the Loan Office, than the Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds aforesaid, emitted and made Current for the Service aforesaid, that then and in such Case, such Money, so raised or paid, over and above the Sum aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby directed to be appropriated and applied towards the Discharge of the Public Expence of this Province, as the General Assembly thereof, for the Time being, shall direct and appoint.

In Case a Surplus should be raised by this Act, than paying the 40,000 l. to go towards the Public Expence.

CII. *AND to prevent the Evils that may arise, or be apprehended will arise, by the several Funds mentioned in this Act not being sufficient to replace and sink the Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds thereby raised, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Honourable *Samuel Chamberlaine, Philip Thomas, Benjamin Tasker, junior, Richard Lee, Benedict Calvert, and William Goldsborough*, Esquires, *Philip Hammond, Charles Carroll, John Gassarway, William Murdock, Matthew Tilghman, and Robert Lloyd*, Esquires, are appointed, by Virtue of this Act, Commissioners for the Purposes herein after mentioned, that is to say, the said Commissioners, or the Majority of them, or the Survivors of them, shall, on the first Monday in *August*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty, repair to the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees, for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, and there examine and inspect into the State of the Funds or Accounts of Money paid into the said Office, in Virtue of this Act, and the Acts herein mentioned to be continued, and shall make an Estimate of what the several Taxes, Duties, Impositions, Fines, and Forfeitures, therein mentioned, will amount to in five Years, allowing the fifth Year's Collection of the said Taxes, Duties, Impositions, Fines, and Forfeitures, to be equal to the averaged Rate of the four preceding Years Collection, and if it shall appear by such Estimate that there will be a Deficiency, that is, that the Sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Fourteen Shillings, will not, by the Ways and Means in this Act, and the Acts herein mentioned to be continued, be replaced, and the Sum of Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings paid in, in order to be sunk and destroyed as aforesaid, by the Expiration of five Years from the twentieth Day of *June* next, then and in such Case the said Commissioners, or the Majority of them, or the Survivors of them, shall compute and ascertain what Rate, by Way of additional Tax on Lands to be imposed in the same Manner with the Land-Tax herein before imposed, will undoubtedly be sufficient to make good such Deficiency as aforesaid, adding thereto the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds: And the said Commissioners, who shall ascertain the Rate of such additional Land-Tax, shall make out Certificates of such Rate, under their Hands and Seals; to the Collectors of the Land-Tax of each respective County, and deliver the same by the twentieth Day of *August*, Seventeen hundred and sixty, inclosed and indorsed for his Lordship's Service, to the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County, or his Deputy, under the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds Current Money on each Commissioner who shall ascertain the Rate aforesaid, and whose Hand and Seal shall not be set and affixed to such Certificate; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance, shall be allowed; one half thereof to be paid to the Informer, or him, her, or them, that shall sue for the same, the other half thereof to be paid to the Commissioners or Trustees, for emitting Bills of Credit aforesaid, to be by them applied to the replacing and sinking the Sums of Money granted by this Act.

Commissioners appointed, in Case the Funds should not raise a sufficient Sum, to meet and make an Estimate of the Deficiency, and lay an additional Land-Tax.

CIII. *AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if the Accounts of the Commissioners, for emitting Bills of Credit aforesaid, relating to the Moneys received on the several Ways and Means in this Act, and the Acts herein mentioned to be continued, shall not, on the aforesaid first Monday of *August* aforesaid, be in such Order that the State of the Funds to be raised by the Ways and Means aforesaid can be seen, or the Sums of Money received thereon known on View, then and in such Case each of such Commissioners shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Current Money; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance, shall be allowed; one half thereof to the Informer, or him, her or them, who shall sue for the same, the other half to be paid to the Commissioners or Trustees, for emitting Bills of Credit aforesaid, to be by them applied to the replacing and sinking the Sums of Money Granted by this Act.

Penalty on the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, if they have not their Accounts clearly stated by the first of *August*, 1760.

CIV. *AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That each of the said Commissioners, who shall attend at the Paper Currency Office on the Day aforesaid, and set his Hand and Seal to such Certificate

Allowance to Commissioners.