

An Act for his Majesty's Service, and further Defence and Security of this Province.

I. **W**HEREAS the Earl of LOUDOWN, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in *North-America*, by his Letter to his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; of the Twentieth of *August* last, has signified, That the State of his Majesty's Service requires that his *Royal American Regiment* of Four Battalions, for which he has been graciously pleased to send over to *America* a Number of Officers, should be immediately compleated, and that it is his Royal Expectation that the Colonies will supply the Levies for the said Regiment: And whereas by an Act of Assembly, made at the last Session, *For granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same*, it is directed, That Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, Part of the said Forty Thousand Pounds (including Commission to the Agents by the said Act appointed) should be laid out and applied in the carrying on any Expedition or Operation, which might be undertaken by this Province for his Majesty's Service, in Conjunction with the Colonies of *Virginia, Pennsylvania, and North-Carolina, or Virginia and Pennsylvania only*, in case *Carolina* should fail to join therein: And as such Expedition has not been undertaken,

Preamble.

II. *BE it therefore 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 Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, out of the Twenty-five Thousand Pounds abovementioned, shall be laid out and applied for his Majesty's Service; and that Part of the said Five Thousand Pounds, not exceeding Three Thousand Pounds, shall be laid out and applied in defraying the Expences of Enlisting and Victualling Three Hundred Men for the *Royal American Regiment*, including those already Enlisted by Orders from his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; and conveying them to such Place or Places, within this Province, as he shall judge most convenient for the Officers of the Regiment aforesaid to receive them at; and that the Residue thereof shall be laid out and applied by the said Agents in Purchasing a Quantity of Wheat, for the Use of his Majesty's Forces, under the Command of the Earl of LOUDOWN, and Transporting the same to *New-York*, to be delivered there to such Person as shall be appointed by the said Earl of LOUDOWN to receive the same.

3000 l. appropriated for raising 300 Men for the Royal American Regiment.

2000 l. for Purchasing Wheat.

III. *AND* to prevent any Abuses or Impositions by Public-House-Keepers, in whose House any Officers or Soldiers may be Quartered or Billeted, *Be it Enacted*, That no Public-House-Keeper, until the Tenth Day of *April* next, shall charge to, or receive from, any Officer under the Degree of a Captain, or Private Soldier, Quartered or Billeted in his or her House, more than the following Rates, *viz.* To a Commission Officer, under the Degree of a Captain, for his Diet of such good and wholesome Food as is usually provided by Ordinary-Keepers in this Province, with Small Beer or Cyder, the Sum of Eighteen Pence Current Money *per Diem*, and Lodging: And to a Private Soldier, for his Diet as aforesaid, with Small Beer, the Sum of Twelve Pence Current Money *per Diem*, and Lodging.

Pay for Billeted Soldiers.

IV. *AND* whereas every Precaution hitherto taken, to protect the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, against the Incurfions of the *Indians*, has proved ineffectual; and it is generally thought that a large Bounty for *Indian* Scalps or Prisoners would greatly conduce to their Safety, by encouraging Parties of active Men not only to go in Quest of them on our Borders, but even to Attack and Annoy them in their own Settlements: And it is necessary for their better Security and Protection, that a greater Number of Men be constantly employed in Ranging on the Frontiers than have been hitherto employed in that Service, and that for this Purpose Three Hundred Men (Officers included) be continued on Foot until the Tenth Day of *April* next, and that the Two Hundred Men (Officers included) raised in Virtue of the aforesaid recited Act, are thereby directed to be disbanded on the Tenth Day of *February* next, *Be it therefore Enacted*, That out of the aforesaid Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, the further Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, and such Part of the One Thousand Pounds by the said Act appropriated to the Payment for *Indian* Prisoners or Scalps as remains unapplied, shall be applied to the Payment for *Indian* Scalps or Prisoners, in the Manner herein after mentioned, that is to say, For every Scalp of an *Indian* Enemy (being the Skin of the Crown of the Head), and for every live *Indian* Enemy, which any Inhabitant of this Province, not being in the Pay of this Province as a Soldier, or *Indian* in Friendship and Alliance with his Majesty's Subjects, shall produce to any Magistrate of this Province, and for every such Scalp taken from any *Indian* Enemy killed within this Province, and every *Indian* Enemy taken alive within the same by any Person who shall be a Resident of any other Province, and shall be produced to a Magistrate as aforesaid, such Magistrate (after burning or destroying such Scalp) shall immediately give such Person or *Indian* Friend a Certificate under his Hand, which Certificate being produced to the Agents appointed by the aforesaid recited Act, such Agents shall immediately pay to the Person producing the same, the Sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money, and the Receipt of such Person or *Indian* on such Certificate shall, for such Sum, be a sufficient Voucher for the said Agents Payment of the said Sum. And whenever any Person or Friend *Indian* shall produce any such *Indian* Enemy to any Magistrate, such Magistrate shall, by such Person or Friend *Indian*, with Assistance of such other Person or Persons as by Warrant under his Hand he shall order and direct, send such *Indian* Enemy to the Sheriff of the respective County, who shall receive into his Goal, and safe keep, such *Indian* Enemy at the Public Expence of this Province 'til legally discharged. *Provided always, and be it Enacted*, That every Person, other than an Inhabitant of this Province or Friend *Indian*, who shall produce a Scalp or *Indian* Prisoner to any Magistrate, shall, before he receives a Certificate for the same, make Oath before the said Magistrate, or give such other Evidence as shall satisfy such Magistrate, that such *Indian* Prisoner was taken, or such Scalp taken from an *Indian* Enemy killed, within this Province.

Allowance of 50 l. for each Scalp, &c.

Scalps to be proved by Oath.