

## Acts of Assembly passed in April, 1757.

Their Duty.

Conveying, Subsidizing, Maintaining, and Supporting, the said Men. And the said Agents are hereby empowered, by Order of his Excellency *Horatio Sharpe*, Esq; or the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, to call for, demand, and receive, from the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, the several Sums of Money aforesaid, and lay out and apply the same for the Purposes aforesaid; which said Sums of Money the said Commissioners or Trustees shall, and they are hereby obliged and required immediately on Demand, to pay to the said Agents, and regular Accounts thereof keep.

Their former Bonds liable.

XX. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the Bonds given by the said Agents, in Virtue and according to the Directions of the aforesaid recited Act, shall stand as, and be deemed to be, a Security for the Performance of their Duty, by this Act required: And that such Bonds shall or may be put in Suit in Case of Failure of Duty in any of the Matters by this Act required, as such Bonds might have been or may be in Case of Failure of Duty in any of the Matters directed to be done by them in Virtue of the aforesaid recited Act.

To keep fair Accounts, &c.

XXI. *AND be it also Enacted*, That the said Agents shall, and they are hereby directed and required to keep fair, distinct, and regular Accounts of all such Sums of Money as they shall receive in Virtue of this Act, and how the same has been paid and applied, and the same shall deliver in upon Oath on or before the Third Day of every Session, to the General Assembly of this Province. And the said Agents, for their Trouble in executing and performing their Duty, by this Act required, shall and may retain in their Hands a Commission of Three Pounds *per Centum*, and no more, on all such Sums of Money as they shall receive and apply as aforesaid.

In Case of Death, &c. the Governor to appoint an Agent.

XXII. *AND be it further Enacted*, That in Case of the Death of the said Agents, or either of them, or their, or either of their Refusal, to execute the Trust aforesaid, that then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Horatio Sharpe*, Esq; or the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, by Warrant under his Hand, to appoint one or more fit Persons or Persons, to be Agent or Agents, in the Stead of such Agent or Agents dying, or refusing, as aforesaid, who shall have all the Powers and Authorities given to the Agents aforesaid.

His Bond.

XXIII. *PROVIDED always, and be it further Enacted*, That such Agent or Agents, so to be appointed, before he or they take upon him, or themselves, the Execution of his or their Trust, shall respectively enter into Bond, before two Provincial Magistrates, with good and sufficient Securities, jointly and severally to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, each in the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds Current Money, with Condition thereto, in the following Form, *viz.* "The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the said *Agent*, shall and do at all Times, so long as he shall continue in the Office of Agent, for the Purposes mentioned and directed in the Act of Assembly, entitled, An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, well and faithfully perform and execute the Duty and Trust reposed in him by the said Act, and do, from Time to Time, render to the General Assembly of this Province, true, just, perfect, and regular Accounts of his Transactions and Proceedings in Virtue of the same Act, and of the several and respective Sums of Money by him received from the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting the Bills of Credit, established by the said Act, and how and for what Particulars the same are laid out and disposed of, and account for and pay all such Sums of Money as shall be remaining in his Hands, and not disposed of as the General Assembly of this Province shall direct, that then the said Obligation to be void, else to be and remain in full Force and Virtue." And the said Justices shall immediately call before them the Witnesses to such Bonds, and cause a Probate thereof to be made before them, which they shall indorse on the Back of the said Bond or Bonds, and shall immediately transmit the said Bond or Bonds to the Clerk of the Provincial Court, who shall forthwith record the same in the Provincial Land Records; and after Entry thereof upon Record, deliver the same immediately to the Clerk of the Council, who is hereby required to take Charge of the same; and an attested Copy of the said Bond and Probate, from the said Provincial Records, shall be as good Evidence in Law to maintain an Action of Debt for the Breach of the Condition thereof, in all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Bond or Bonds were actually produced and proved in Court.

Recovery and Application of Fines, &c.

XXIV. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the several Fines and Forfeitures herein before mentioned, shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, with Costs, in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed; one half thereof 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 aforesaid, to be by them applied to the replacing and sinking the several Sums of Money granted by the Act first herein recited.

Rates of Carriage.

XXV. *AND* whereas the frequent Use of Carriages may be necessary; *Be it Enacted*, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, until the Twenty-fifth Day of December, Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-seven, when and as often as the Service may require the carrying of Gunpowder, Shot, Lead, Arms, Cloathing, or any Military Stores or Accoutrements whatsoever, or Provisions of any Kind, for Troops in his Majesty's Service in general, or of this Province in particular, there shall be paid the following Rates of Carriage to the Owner or Owners of all such Carriages as shall be employed in such Services, *viz.* For the Hire of every Cart, with Four Horses, carrying a Load not exceeding Fifteen Hundred Pounds Weight, the Sum of Ten Shillings Current Money *per Day*; and for the Hire of every Waggon, with Four or more Horses, carrying a Load not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds Weight, the Sum of Twelve Shillings and Six Pence Current Money *per Day*.

XXVI. *AND*